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Ag·a·wam High (ag′ ă wăm hī) n. **1.** Institution where instruction is given to help young people learn, grow, and prosper in life. **2.** Place that offers a wide array of athletic and extracurricular activities. **3.** Place that gives teenagers a reason to get out of bed five days a week. **4.** Place where a majority of the distinctive fashionable place where a majority of the dress inhabitants wear orange and brown regularly.

Defining Our Future

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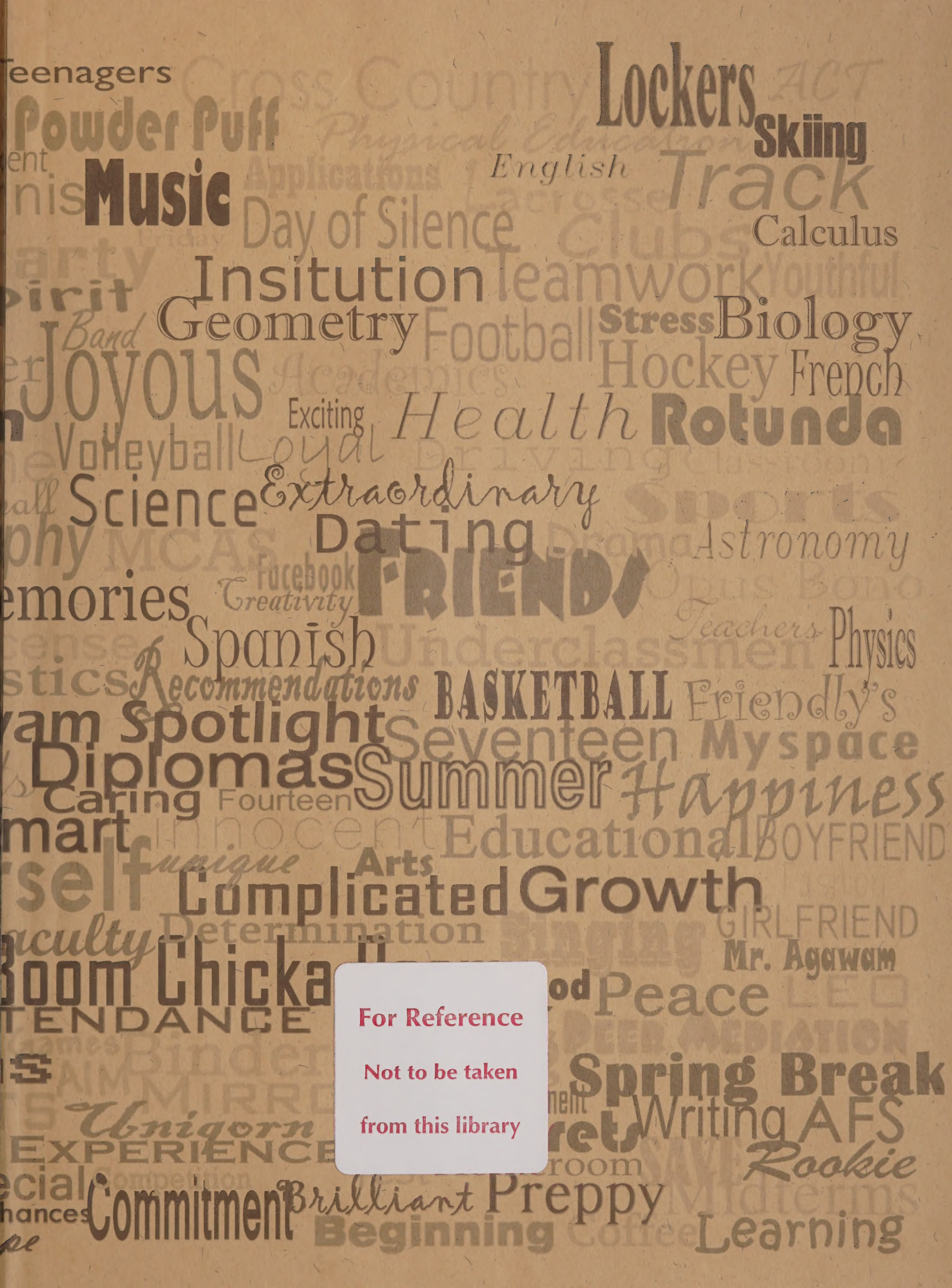

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(*n*): a chief of a North American tribe or confederation

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"The only way to predict the future is to have power to shape the future."
– Eric Hoffer, The Passionate State of Mind (1954)

Class History

Freshman (*n.*) (see "backpacks"):

Walking through the doors of the high school for the first time, the students of the Class of 2009 had mixed emotions. We were Freshmen; finally amongst ranks of high school students. We started off with a multitude of sports and activities as well as regular late-night trips to Friendly's. Our minds couldn't ev begin to imagine what was going to be thrown at us in the next four years. Homework, sports tryouts, midterms, finals, and lots of stress; freshman year w when it all began. We had attained a name, instead of a number. We weren't 9th graders; we were Freshmen. We elected Steve Costa, Kaitlyn Weyant, Chelsea Blanchard and Kristin Gill to lead us through our first year of high school. As with all inexperienced newcomers, Orange and Brown Day's enthusias was extremely unexpected. Timidly, we read our lyrics as the juniors took their noble victory. As with all freshman classes, we were introduced to the uniq culture that is Agawam High. The year flew. By the end of June, we were ready to advance to sophomore status.

Sophomore (*n.*) (see "drama"):

The Class of 2009 entered their sophomore year with a little more confidence than the previous year. We welcomed an old friend from the middle school, Mr. Zavarella, as our new principal. Beginning the mornings with music pumped through the intercom, we felt a little more energized during first period. The President and Vice President of our class switched places and our class became even more involved with sports and clubs. Many attended Agawam Spotlight performances and football games. Our morale was much higher during Pep Rally '06 than during the previous year's event. Some were even lucky enough to be asked to the prom by upperclassmen in the spring. But, by the end of the year, SATs and college searches began to apply their stress. We felt ourselves growing older, and reality was setting in. The role of upperclassmen was just ahead. We were ready to take it and wear it proudly.

Junior (*n.*) (see "standardized tests"):

Fall 2007 marked a new and important time in our lives. Mr. Lemanski was now our principal, and with that came a few changes in school procedures and parking lot policies. Along with these changes came new class officers. Matthew Graham, Delanie Sapelli, Allyson Ripke, and Megan Moriarty were electe boldly lead us through our junior year. Even though threats were made against the Pep Rally, Agawam High pulled together and demonstrated our pride unity. With new interests in morning trips to Dunkin' Donuts and after-school excursions to Panera Bread, our class stood strong as juniors. We strived to k our GPAs high while participating in sports and social events. We took our SATs and most were happy with the results. Our college searches began as we attended numerous tours and college fairs. Our class was beginning to sculpt our future paths. The National Honor Society inducted the top students and watched the Class of 2008 graduate. Towards the spring, many battled the early stages of "senioritis," a dilemma known as "junioritis." We were all begi to realize that there was little time left before we were the ones walking across the stage at Symphony Hall. Picking our class schedules became a huge or This would be the last high school schedule we would ever construct. However, as the summer started to fade away to reveal the senior year ahead, we c not wait to follow those schedules. We were almost there.

Senior (*n.*) (see "royalty"):

To walk into a high school building and be the most respected students is a feeling that surely can never be replaced. As seniors, the Class of 2009 became royalty. We were the ones who would be graduating when the school year came to a close. We, once again, had a switch of our President and Vice President for senior year. Our addiction to coffee surely didn't end when fall came. Music still poured through the halls as we ran to our first period classes five minutes earlier than the year before. This was a transition that was more difficult than we would have thought. "Junioritis" was nothing compared to its mother, "senioritis." However, we battled her well as we filled out college applications and thought about future career paths. Relatives stopped saying, "It's OK. You have so much time left to decide what you want to do with your life." We were leaving for college in less than a year. Although we were excited to move on, we knew high school was going to be missed.

High School (*v.*) (see "learn"):

High school was the place where we learned how to learn. We learned how to apply ourselves with every decision we made. We learned that making mistakes was okay sometimes. We also learned how to try and fix them, and how to grow up and make friends.

Although we already knew how to walk, we really learned how to put one foot in front of the other in high school. We learned how to watch what we s think about the consequences of our actions. Not only did we learn how to use cosine and how to dissect a shark, but we learned how to never give up. accomplished so much during our time at Agawam High School, but there was one lesson we will surely never forget:

We learned that **Defining Our Future** means taking life one step at a time.

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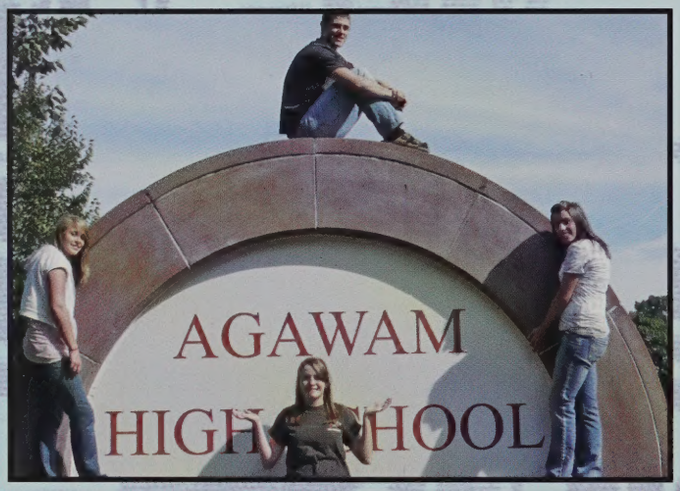
Senior Class Officers



President
Delanie Sapelli

Secretary
Allyson Ripke

Vice President
Matthew Graham

Treasurer
Megan Moriarty

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Isabel Maria Ablianitis

I can't believe how fast these years went by. To my family and friends, thanks for the memories. I wouldn't be who I am without you. I love you all. Make me proud percussion! Good luck Class of '09!

Izzy; Isa; Izzy-Skizzy; Face; Mimi
September 2, 1991
11 Willow Brook Drive
Agawam, MA 01001
Band 1, Sec Lead 2,3,4; ASMW 1,2,4; SAVE 1,2,4; Shakespeare 1,2,4; Prom 3,4; Div Lead 2

Justin Adams

The past four years went by fast. It's been awesome. Thanks Mom for everything. Thanks Dad and all of my brothers and sisters. To all of my friends, thanks for the good times.

25 Colonial Avenue
Agawam, MA 01001

Kendra Brieanna Albano

I can't believe it's over already! Thanks Mom and Dad. Love you! Friends, we lived our high school experience together. I'll never forget you girls, wherever the journey takes us. Good luck Class of '09.

May 18 , 1991
49 Hearthstone Drive
Agawam, MA 01001

Henry Adams

Experience (*n*): Knowledge or practical wisdom gained from what one has observed, encountered, or undergone

40 Thalia Drive
Feeding Hills, MA 01030

Fitore Ahmeti

Future (*n*): A period of time that you presently want to be in because of the wonderful theories and concepts envisioned. But when the future becomes the present, you will sometimes wish it was the past.

172 Suffield Street
Agawam, MA 01001

Tyler Alves

Mom, Dad, Dalton, Paige, Lenox, thanks for everything. Russ, Mike, Carlos, Vic, and Dan, you guys are like brothers. Franco, you're my boy through the good or bad. We're always one.

T- Alves
June 11, 1991
53 Candlewood Drive
Agawam, MA 01001
Vball 1,2,3,4

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Brooke Andruss

"Time goes faster than you think." Mom and Dad, thanks. I love you. Al, two more years. Have fun. Friends, thanks for it all! Love you. Good luck '09.

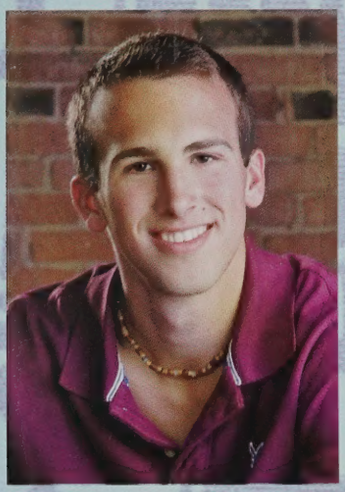
December 6, 1990
67 Horsham Place
Feeding Hills, MA 01030

Dalton Ashwell

Dalts
March 18, 1991
58 Sunset Terrace
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
Track 1,2,3,4; Soccer 1,2,4; AIM 1,2,3,4; XC 3; Key 3,4; Opus Bono 3,4; Stud Gov 4

Friends, thanks for everything. Schnepp, good times. AVIT, AVT, AVS #17. Good luck! Thanks Mom, Dad, and Cass. Good luck Class of '09!

Garrett Asselin



Wow, the past four years have flown by. Mom and Dad, thanks for everything. Abigail, just two more years. Weston and Carson, you guys rock. To all my friends, you're the best. Good luck Class of 2009!

April 17, 1991
28 Robin Ridge Drive
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
In Track 2,3,4; NHS 3,4; Soccer 1,2,3; Out Track 2,3,4; AIM 3,4; Key 3,4; Bball 1

Alycia Atkinson

Leesh
June 8, 1990
18 Valentine Terrace
Agawam , MA 01001
XC 1,2; Track 1; Bball 1,2; Leo 4; Art NHS 4

'09 We made it! Dad and Mom, thanks. I love you! Dave, my best. One more, good luck! Jeff, no one even compares. Thanks. Andy and Malisa, I love you guys. Gram, Gramp and Gerry, thanks for believing in me.

Michael Aubrey

I can't believe it's over. Mom, John, Justina, Anthony, I love you. Thanks for everything. Carlos, Dan, T-Alves, Russ, Franco, Vic, thanks guys for everything. Good luck Class of '09!

Aubs
May 21, 1991
48 Barney Street
Agawam, MA 01001

Kaitlin Ball

Kaity
April 20, 1991
38 Spruce Circle
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
Art Club 2,3,4; Leo 2,3,4; Uniqorn 1

I can't believe high school is already over! It went by way too fast. Thanks Mom and Dad for everything. I love you both. Friends, many great memories. Good luck Class of 2009! I wish you all the best.

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Andrew Barcomb

Homework (*n*): Schoolwork assigned to be done outside the classroom

49 Eddy Street
Springfield, MA 01104

Brigette Barnhart

"Here's to the nights that turned into mornings, the friends that turned into family, the dreams that turned into reality, and the likes that turned into love." Thanks for the memories. Good luck! Gabe!

Brig
March 11, 1991
37 Edgewater Road
Agawam, MA 01001

Paul N. Basile

Wow, these four years went by fast. I'd like to thank my family and friends. I'd also like to thank and congratulate myself. Rock over London. Rock on AHS. "Wheaties, the Breakfast of Champions."

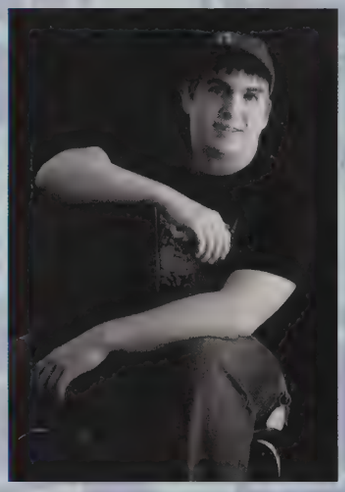
October 2, 1990
41 Hartford Terrace
Springfield, MA 01108
Girls LAX mngr 1,2,3,4;
Peer Lead 4

Emily Barlar

Em
June 10, 1991
43 Rugby Road
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
In Track 1; Tennis 2,3;
Shakespeare 3,4; Opus Bono 3,4;
Peer Lead 4

Looks like public school wasn't so bad after all! Thanks to my family and friends for getting me by. I love you all. Peace out Agawam. It's been a blast.

Cory Barrington



C- Bear
162 Pine Street
Feeding Hills, MA 01030

It's been real, it's been fun, but it hasn't been real fun. Thanks bro.

Brittany Ariél Beaudette

BBeaud
April 8, 1991
28 Hendom Drive
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
Mirror 2,3,4

Mom, Dad, Jesse, and Amanda, thank you for everything. I love you all! Nick, couldn't have done it without you. "In three words, I can sum up everything I've learned about life: It goes on."
– Robert Frost

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Tyler James Beaumier

It takes forever to make memories; twelve years to be exact! The good, the bad, and the just plain weird have occurred these years. I'd do it all again if I could! Look out world, another senior's loose!

Ty-bo
September 2, 1991
36 Southwick Street
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
Rosie

Zachary R. Benoit

Zach
April 19, 1991
126 Lancaster Drive
Agawam, MA 01001
Swimming 1,2,3, Cpt. 4; NHS 3,4; Soccer 1

Well, we made it. Swim team, carry on without me and do not take the fun for granted. It goes fast and you'll miss it when you're done. Jamie, I know we'll always be there for each other.

Amanda Rita Bessette

839, It's Rosie Time! We made it to the rest of our lives! Ali and Billy, you're half way there. To my friends and family, thanks! Class of '09, it's our time to shine!

Mandy; Panda
September 12, 1991
148 Roosevelt Avenue
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
Rosie 1,2,3,4; Tutoring 1,2,3,4; Math 1,2,3,4; Shakespeare 3,4; ASMW 2,3,4; Book Club 3,4

Heather Bishop

Bish
July 17, 1991
81 Maple Street
Agawam, MA 01001

"Nothing's gonna stop us now." Mike Ike, thanks for everything. I love you. Never let anyone hold you down. Dream big Class of 2009!

Allison Black

This year went by so fast! Mom and Dad, thanks for everything. Ally and Meg, I love you girls. Good luck Class of '09!

Alli
March 4, 1991
65 Pheasant Run Circle
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
Soccer 1,2,3,4; In Track 1,2,3,4; Out Track 1,2,4

Joe Blais

Blaze
June 28, 1990
15 Wildflower Lane
Agawam, MA 01001
Football 1,2,3,4; Bball 1; Wrest 2,3,4; LAX 1,2,3,4; Key 4

"Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift; that's why they call it the present."-Lil Wayne. Mom, Dad, Liana, and Nick, thank you so much for everything. I love you.

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Brie Bobecki

Brie-brie
February 20, 1991
120 Elm Street
Agawam, MA 01001
Ski Club 1,3,4; LAX 1,2,3

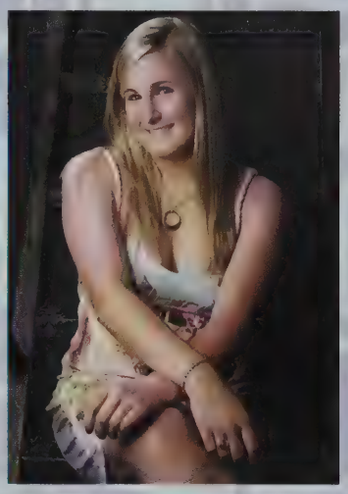
I can't believe this is it! Four years went by so fast. Danny, good luck next year. Have fun! Thanks so much for everything Mom and Dad. Love you. To all my friends, nothing but good times. Love you guys!

Chelsea Lynn Blanchard

We made it. Mom, Dad, thanks for everything. Mike and Ash, I owe you. Friends, you're what made it great. "What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us." Good luck 2009.

November 3, 1990
191 North Westfield Street
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
FH 1,2,3,4; LAX 1,2,3,4; Bball 1,2; NHS 3,4; AIM 1,2,3,4; Stud Gov 1,3,4; FTA 3,4; Sec. 1,2; Key 3,4

Alexandra Bonavita



Ali
May 5, 1991
67 Alexander Drive
Agawam, MA 01001
FH 1,2,3, Cpt. 4; Softball 1,2,3,4

"Here's to the nights that turned into mornings, and the friends that turned into family." Mom and Pa, thanks for everything. Ash, Tori and Katie, always and forever. Cherish every moment. AVFH #16.

Austin Bodzioch

This is unbelievable. The four high school years seemed as if it was only four months. I thank my family and friends for everything. Good luck, Class of '09.

Blondie
February 6, 1990
172 North Street
Agawam, MA 01001
Track 1

Ashley Elizabeth Breault

Ash
December 29, 1990
1068 Main Street
Agawam, MA 01001
Math 1; Ski Club 1,2,3,4; Prom 3,4; Ski Team 3; NHS 3,4; Opus Bono 3,4

As we grow up friends change, we lose loved ones, and find true love. In the end you will always have family. Cherish, love, and never forget the memories we created. Mom and Grammie, thanks for it all.

Nicole Bouley

It's finally over! Mom, Dad and Jenn, thanks for everything. Sarah, Ant and Teddy, my best. I love you guys. Class of '09, good luck!

Nikki
July 31, 1991
53 Orlando Street
Agawam, MA 01001
Swim 1,2,3,4; AV Club 3,4; Key 4

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Brianne Nanck Brinkmann

"A new life to start, I may be leaving but you're always in my heart." Em, best friends for 14 years. Couldn't have done it without you! Mom, Dad and Ash, thanks for the help. Good luck '09. We did it!

Dar; Breezy
May 22, 1991
2F Mansion Woods Drive
Agawam, MA 01001
NHS 3,4; Opus Bono 3,4; SADD 1,2, Vice Pres. 3, Pres. 4; Sachem 3, Ed 4; BGC 1,2; AFS 2

Jheremy Brown

November 14, 1990
38 Debra Lane
Agawam, MA 01001
Track 1; Soccer 2;
Baseball 1,2,3,4; AIM 1,2,3

Thanks Mom and Dad. Four years went by fast. "Yesterday is history; tomorrow is a mystery." AVB #9.

Lauren Brown

Mom, Dad, Eric, and Kelsie, thank you for everything. Friends, couldn't have done it without you. AVL #24, AVT, AVFH #8. It's not how good you are, but it's how bad you want it. Good luck Class of '09.

LB; Brownie; Lawr; Brown; Lo
September 24, 1991
47 Overlook Drive
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
FH 1,2,3,4; In Track 1,2, 3,4;
LAX 1,2, 3, 4; AIM 1,2,3,4; Opus Bono 3,4; Stud Gov 4; NHS 3,4;

Jamie Buoniconti

July 19, 1991
507 River Road
Agawam, MA 01001
Cheer 1,2; Track 1

Four years flew by. Mom, Dad, and Steve, thanks for all of your support. Sarah, Chels, Brie, and Kerri, my best. My ladies, I love you. Mike, thank you for everything. I love you. Good luck Class of '09!

Danielle A. Burns

Ah! It went by so fast! Mom and Dad, thank you for everything! Leah, little sis, good luck! Stay strong. I'll miss all you girlies. Congrats '09!

June 27, 1990
719 Barry Street
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
Mirror 2,3,4; Uniqorn 4

Rachel Butt

May 15, 1991
25 Hearthstone Drive
Agawam, MA 01001
Softball 1,2,3, Cpt. 4;
Soccer 1,2,3,4; Bball 1,2,3,4

Mom and Dad, thanks for everything. Friends, love you all. Best times. Taylor, best friends always. Amanda, Ally, and Jess, have fun! Take it easy '09.

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Christopher Camp

218 Beekman Drive Apt. B15
Agawam, MA 01001

Prom (*n*): A formal dance, usually for upperclassmen, held by a high school at the end of the academic year

Ron Cabana Jr.

Good times at AHS. Time flies by. I want to thank my teachers and friends. I also want to send my love to my parents. Good luck to Scott, Lauren, Aaron, Kevin, the other Ron, and Trevor.

Ron; Ronnie
June 2, 1990
14 Doane Avenue
Agawam, MA 01001
Opus Bono 3,4

Danielle Capriati

Dani
August 14, 1990
75 Melha Avenue
Springfield, MA 01104

Best of times with the best of friends. Faith and Meg, love you girls! Carlos, always there. Family, thanks for the support. Good luck '09!

Eric Candelario

Unique (*adj*): Being the only one of its kind

63 South Westfield Street Apt 51
Feeding Hills, MA 01030

Aaron Carrier

43 Albert Street
Agawam, MA 01001

Unity (*n*): A feeling among a group of agreement or harmony.

Vicki Carestia

"These were the best days of our lives!" Hi Brat! Thanks Mom, Mike, and Gina. Friends, I love you all! Red Robin anyone?

Vicki; VC
March 4, 1991
22 Giant Street
Agawam, MA 01001
Soccer 1; Track 1; XC 2; Key 3,4
Shakespeare 1,2,3,4;
Opus Bono 3,4; ASMW 4; Leo 4

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Lindsay Caroleo

"The ride is short, so you better make it the time of your life." Mom, Dad, Kels, and Caleigh, thanks. I love you! De and Meg, my bests. Meg, Kristin, Alexi, Mackie, and DJ, all my love. Good luck '09.

Linds; LC
December 3, 1990
220 River Road
Agawam, MA 01001
Mirror 4

Megan Chapman

Meg
November 7, 1990
83 Parker Street
Agawam, MA 01001
Chor 2,3,4; Leo 4

"Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened." Mom and Niki, thanks for believing in me all these years. Family and friends, I would be nowhere without you. RIP Dad. Brie, 12 years! Good luck '09.

Justin Lord Chartier

Oh, how the years go by! Thanks for everything from everybody along the way.
Good luck Class of 2010.

Chart; J. Chart
33 Norman Terrace Apt. 25
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
Var. Football 2,3,4;
Var. Track 1,2,3,4; Art NHS 3,4

Brandon Chase

B. Chase
May 6 1991
21 Hunting Lane
Agawam, MA 01001
Mirror 2, Assoc Ed 3,4;
Wrest 2,3,4; AIM 1,2,4;
Key 3,4; SpNHS 3,4

"You've got to leave it behind." I'll miss AHS. Mom and Dad, thanks for it all. AVW 112, dominate boys. Laura, one more year to go, sis. Friends, have fun with life. Congrats '09. Hard work really pays off.

Alisha Marie Chechile

Wow, time flew by! I can't believe it's finally over. Dad, you are my inspiration! Thanks for everything Mom. Only one more year Brit. You got this girl! I love you, Stevey. You are my world! Congrats '09. We did it.

November 6, 1990
137 Corey Colonial
Agawam, MA 01001

Jamie Colburn

Slip&Slide; Yaya
February 25, 1991
11 Hamilton Circle
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
Band 1,2,3,4; Peer Lead 1,2,3,4;
Art 2; Opus Bono 3,4; NHS 3,4;
Track 1,2,3,4; Swim 3,4

"There's a long road I've gotta stay in time with." Family and friends, always there. I love you. John, good luck in high school. Zach, always. AVSD, good times. Bandies, I'll miss you! Good luck Class of '09.

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Scott William Colby Jr.

Roman
January 14, 1990
74 Springfield Street
Agawam, MA 01001
Peer Lead 1; Leo 3; Key 3,4

Wow, I can't believe it's over. Thanks Dad and Mom for everything. Good luck Derek. Agawam Football #13. LOCK DOWN! Good luck boys. Thanks, friends and Class of '09.

Colby
January 3, 1991
259 El Paso Street
Springfield, MA 01104
Football 1,3,4; Track 2

Jordan Colón

148 Northwood Street
Feeding Hills, MA 01030

High school is finally over. It's been four amazing years. I thank everyone who supported me. Thanks Mom for dealing with me all these years. Congratulations, Class of '09.

Juju
May 1, 1991
74 Springfield Street
Agawam, MA 01001
Mirror 3,4; Opus Bono 3,4; Key 3,4; Leo 3, Vice Pres. 4; Peer Lead 1,2; Tutoring 2,3

Mason Conlon

Conte
October 9, 1990
14 Tom Street
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
Basketball 1; Key 3,4

Wow! It went by so fast. Mom and Dad, thanks for everything. Good luck 2010.

Mace
November 3, 1990
20 Barn Road
Agawam, MA 01001
Football 1,2,3,4; Hockey 1,2,3,4; LAX 1,2,3,4

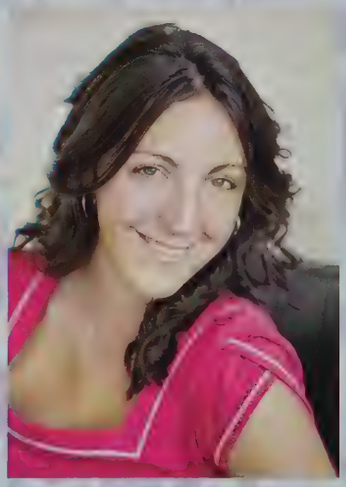
Eric Colón

I can't believe the years that passed. I'm finally done. I'm probably going to miss high school, but I'm just happy that I'm done. Also, I want to say thank you to all my teachers and my mom.

David Comee

Stress (*n*): Overwhelming feeling of responsibility caused by homework, tests, finals, college applications, drama or other such factors experienced in high school

Karla Conte



We have our entire lives ahead of us '09! Good luck! Mom, Dad, Nichole, Andrea, thanks for everything. I love you! Heather and Angela, great memories! Mehreen, Arbresha, we had four unforgettable years! Thanks.

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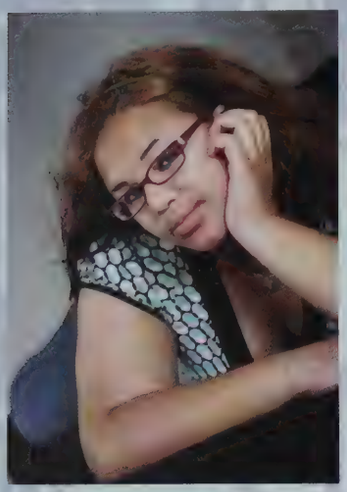
Brandi Cooper



The years really went by fast. Thank you Chaz for everything and always being there for me. Also, Mom and Dad, thanks for believing in me. Class of '09.

97 Moore Street
Agawam, MA 01001
Sachem 4

Steven Costa

Costa
July 28, 1991
83 Hunters Greene Circle
Agawam, MA 01001
Soccer 1,2,3, Cpt. 4; In Track 1,2; VBall 1,2,3,4; Key 3,4; NHS 3,4; SpNHS 3,4; Opus Bono Pres 3,4

High school was great. Mom, Dad, and Ant, all I can say is thanks for everything. '09 Crew, it's been good. Thanks for the memories. Boy's soccer and volleyball, we dominated. Good luck '09. Reach high.

Mike Cote

Man, crazy four years! Went through a lot but it all worked out for the best! Good luck to all. Peace!

Mikey
March 15, 1991
44 Spring Street
Agawam, MA 01001

Michael Counos

April 30, 1991
117 Princeton Avenue
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
Stud Gov 3,4; Mirror 2, Assoc Ed 3,4; Key 3,4; Baseball 1; In Track 2; AIM 1,2; Opus Bono Treas 3,4

I can't believe it's already over. Friends, it has been fun. Doug, Zach and Learns, it has been real. Carin, we've had great times. Mom, Dad, Jason and Dominique, thanks for everything. Class of 2009!

Kate Cristelli

"Carpe Diem," Class of '09! Good luck with the last three years Kare. Sister and Rene, thanks for it all. Friends, I love you all. Good luck at college. Mum and Dad, I love you. Thanks.

KC; KCris
April 20, 1991
253 Colemore Street
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
ASMW 1; Peer Lead 1,2; SADD 1,2; Key 3,4; Shakespeare 1

Amanda Cuddemi

Manda
April 13, 1990
397 Springfield Street
Agawam, MA 01001
Track 1

Wow! Four years really did go by fast! Mom, Nick and Chantel, thanks for everything. I love you! Friends, thanks. Good luck Class of 2009. It's been fun!

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Michelle Curtis

Mich
April 8, 1991
443 Barry Street
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
Soccer 1,2,3, Cpt. 4; Bball 1,2; Softball 1,2; FTA 3,4; NHS 3,4; SpNHS 3,4; AIM 1,2

With every end there's a new beginning. Take chances and always be yourself. Mom and Dad, love you. Friends, you're the best. Good luck class of 2009. Peace out.

Alexa Marie Currado

Wow! I can't believe these four years went by so fast. I'm going to miss all of my friends. You know who you are. To my family, thank you for being there for me. Good luck Class of 2009.

Lexa
January 19, 1991
510 Mill Street
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
Key 3,4; Knitting 3; Opus Bono 4

Alison Day

Graduation (*n*): Ceremony of conferring degrees or diplomas, as at a college or school

Legit (*adj*): meaning cool, amazing, awesome, or any other word you might use when something is outstanding

Zachary S. Dawson

It went by so fast! Tay, one more year. Friends, thanks for everything. Kaitlyn, you mean the world to me. We made it! Mom and Dad, I love you. Good luck Class of 2009.

Zach
December 18, 1990
21 Alexander Drive
Agawam, MA 01001
Soccer 1,2,3; Wrest 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2,3,4; Stud Gov 3,4; AIM 1,2,3,4; Key 3,4

Andrew DeChristopher

DeChris
August 18, 1991
73 Poplar Street
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
Ski Team 1,2, Cpt. 3,4

Wow! It's finally over. Best of luck to the Class of 2009!

Victor DeCaro

The years flew by. Jeff, Los, Josh, Franco, T-Alves, Mike, Russ, and Soch, good times. Mom, Dad, Pauly, Nic, and Nana, thanks for everything. I love you guys. Monk, best of luck in Southwick! Good luck Class of '09.

Vic
September 4, 1990
16 Mill Road
Agawam, MA 01001
Golf 1,2,3, Cpt. 4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Bball 1,2,3

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Tyler Deming

Journey (*n*): a traveling from one place to another, usually taking a rather long time

56 Parkedge Drive
Feeding Hills, MA 01030

83 Cleveland Street
Feeding Hills, MA 01030

Senioritis (*n*): A crippling disease that strikes high school seniors; symptoms include laziness, an over excessive wearing of sweat pants, lack of studying, and generally dismissive attitude

Angelo Donald Depalma

Yeah, I made it. Thanks Mom, Gram, GPA and Miss Murray. I owe you guys. DJ, I'm so scared right now. Class of '09, "How are ya!"

Gelo
October 11, 1990
37 Ridgeway Drive
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
Soccer 1,2,3,4; Bball 1;
LAX 1

Amanda Derose

We made it! I can't believe high school is finally over. Mom and Dad, thanks for everything. Matt, you mean everything to me. I love you. Good luck Class of 2010!

Manda; Dorothy
December 28, 1990
27 Campbell Drive
Agawam, MA 01001
Cheer 1,4

Kayla Dennis

Jake
March 21, 1991
14 Plumtree Way
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
Football 1,2,3,4

It's finally over. I can't believe it. Those four years went by so fast.

Jake Depalo

Gabby
October 12, 1990
68 Hazardville Road
Longmeadow, MA 01116

I did it Daddy'O! Mom, you've done so much for me. Thanks so much! Janais, you've always been there for me. You're a great friend. Thanks goodness it's over!

Gabrielle Devenitch

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Joshua Doherty

Josh
December 13, 1990
34 Kosciusko Avenue
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
Golf 1,2,3, Cpt. 4

Mom and Dad, thanks for all the support. Matt, good luck in high school.

Sean P. DiSalvo

Tomorrow is just another day in which I will go in this way and find my own way out! Mom and Dad, thanks for it all. Casa peace. Good luck Class of '09!

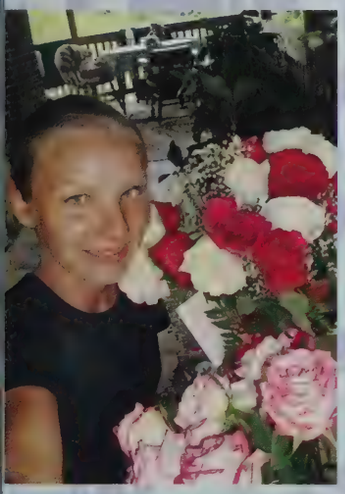
DiSalvo
July 19, 1991
77 Nicole Terrace
Feeding Hills, MA 01030

Taryn Dooley

T-money
October 26, 1990
104 Red Fox Drive
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
Swim 1,2,3, Cpt. 4; NHS 3,4;
Shakespeare 2,3,4

So it goes.

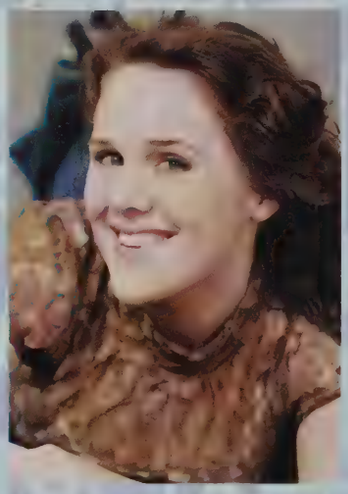
Fedosiya Domnenko



"Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened." Dad and Mom, thanks for the support! These four years of high school flew by so fast! Now lies the long journey ahead! God bless the Class of '09!

Fenya
December 21, 1990
36 Melrose Place
Agawam, MA 01001

Alyssa Fay Doyle



January 5, 1991
432 Pine Street
Feeding Hills, MA, 01030
FH 1,2; Tennis 2,3;
Shakespeare 1,2,3,4; Ski Club 1;
NHS 3,4; Peer Lead 4

Now that I'm finally graduating and getting ready to leave, I'm starting to realize all the things I'm going to miss. Thanks for all the great memories and good luck to the Class of 2009.

Kim Dorans

Thanks, Mom, Dad, and Sara. Thanks to my friends. The last four years would have been no fun without you. Class of 2009, it's just the beginning. Let's get started.

Kim
December 27, 1990
86 Hunters Greene Circle
Agawam, MA 01001
AIM 1,2,3,4; NHS 3,Vice Pres 4;
Opus Bono 3,4; SpNHS 3;
Key 3,4; Stud Gov 1,3, Pres 4

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Katelyn Doyle

Don't believe what anyone says, four years do not go by fast. Jon, I love you so much. You are the greatest thing that has ever happened to me. Mom, Dad, Kelly, and friends, thanks. Love you!

February 16, 1991
20 Losito Lane
Agawam, MA 01001

Mackenzie Doyle

Mackie
April 22, 1991
540 Southwick Street
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
Bball 1,2,3,4; Soccer 1;
Softball 1,2,3

"Turns out, it's not where you are but who you're with that really matters." Mom, Court and Chris, Dad and Linda, thanks. I love you! Taryn, two years, have fun! Lex and Kris, my bests. AGVB, The Crew, I love you!

Chris Drane

Whoa! Where did high school go? Britt, I love you so much. Tom, Miles, Scott, let the good times roll. Thank you so much Mom and U. Buck for all the help. Good luck Class of '09!

C Drane
September 27, 1991
48 Anthony Street
Agawam, MA 01001
Baseball 1,2,4;
Ski Club 1,2,3,4

Corey Drouin

July 6, 1989
50 Paul Revere Drive
Feeding Hills, MA 01030

I finally made it and what a fun time it was here. I will miss this place.

Christina Dubinevici

I can't believe school is over and I'm moving to the next step in life. My successful graduation is a reflection of your support. Thanks Mom and Dad. Cathy V., have fun at AHS. Good luck Class of '09!

81 Amherst Avenue
Feeding Hills, MA 01030

Megan Dupre

Duprecious
August 18, 1990
103 North Street
Agawam, MA 01001
Gym 1,2,3, Cpt. 4; Key 4

These years flew by. Kevin, thank you for everything. I would not be me without you. Skip the salad, AVG!

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Kerri Egan

Ker
April 9, 1991
76 Parker Street
Agawam, MA 01001
Cheer 1,3; Track 1;
Ski Club 1,2,3,4

"I hope your dreams stay big and your worries stay small." These four years went by so fast. My girls, thanks for the memories. Mom and Dad, thank you. I love you. Billy, good luck. Good luck Class of '09.

Maxim Dzyubenko

Wow! These four years of high school went by so fast. Mom and Dad, thank you for your help and support. Good luck, Class of '09.

Max
August 16, 1990
417 South Westfield Street
Feeding Hills, MA 01030

Jaleena Enriquez

Jae
March 18, 1990
Softball 1; Prom 4

Life and school has brought me many difficulties during my high school years. Thanks to all my friends, Em, Kaitlyn, Joe, Jen, and Bri, for being there for me. Justin, we did it!

Abigail Eger

No amount of amusing Danisms, cute Godzillas, amazing renditions of things imaginable on canvas, vast sport and computer smarts, or the ability to procure a car out of nothing can help: Quoi que se sois.

Abby, Lady Abigail, Abathy, Abigail Louise, Miss Gail
33 Norman Terrace Apt. # 64
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
Japanese 1,2,3,4

Jen Farmer

J. Farms, Farmer, Jenny Farms
March 22, 1989
58 Royal Street
Agawam, MA 01001
Peer Lead 1,4; M Band 1,2,3;
C Band 1,2,3,4

Mommy and Daddy, I love you. I couldn't have done this without you. Jess, the same goes for you! Emily and Kristina, you're my besties! Jaleena and Joe, good times! Later days, Class of '09!

Justin Enriquez

Class of '09. Wow, thanks everyone for being there, Mom, Dad, Jaleena, Jason, Frankie, and Ethan. Lani, I love you so much. Enjoy the next two years. #86

Rico
June 15, 1991
34 Franklin Street
Agawam, MA 01001
Football 1,2,3,4; Wrest 2,3,4

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Kyle Farrelly

Success (*n*): a favorable or prosperous termination of attempts or endeavors

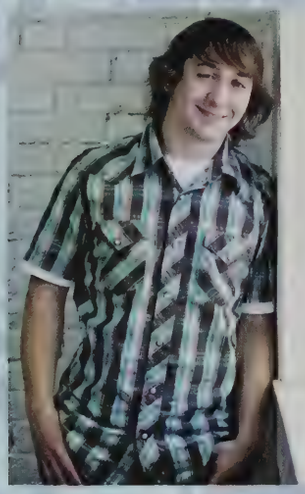
6 Paul Revere Drive
Feeding Hills, MA 01030

Jake Ferreira

Jake
April 17, 1991
85 Royal Lane
Agawam, MA 01001
Wrest 1,2, Cpt. 3,4

I can't believe it's over. Mom and Dad, thank you. The Crew, thanks for everything. Good luck '09.

Nick Ferreira



Man, the years actually did go by fast. Mom and Dad, thanks. Clan, good times. To all my friends, thanks for the fun times. Best of luck to everyone.

Nick
April 17, 1991
85 Royal Lane
Agawam, MA 01001
Wrest 1,2,3,4; Soccer 1

Steven Fiedler

Fieds
December 18, 1990
1087 Main Street
Agawam, MA 01001
Hockey 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2;
BGC 3,4; Prom 2; Key 3,4

The best years of our lives are just beginning and I can't believe we are graduating. Mom and Dad, thank you for everything. Kim, enjoy your years here. Agawam Hockey means the world to me. #30

Benjamin Fish

"Long you live and high you'll fly and smiles you'll give and tears you'll cry and all you touch and all you see is all your life will ever be." Abbey Rose forever.

Ben
May 28, 1991
676 Main Street
Agawam, MA 01001

Loradona Foley

September 25, 1990
Peer Lead 3,4;
Wrest Mngr 2,4

Wow, four years are gone! Mom and Dad, and the rest of the family, thanks for everything. I love you. To the Crew, great times with you all. Jay, you're amazing. Good luck Class of '09.

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Dave Franco

Franccc
May 27, 1991
248 Barry Street
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
Soccer 1,2,3,4; Track 2,3; Ski 1;
Stud Gov 3; Vball 1,2,3

Can't believe it's over. Mom, Dad and Mary, love you lots. Thanks for everything. Carlos, Dan, Mike, Vic, Russ, you guys are like brothers today. Thanks for everything. T-Alves, you're my boy! So many good times!

Jon Forfa

It's crazy how fast these years went. I miss AHS and it's daily inhabitants already. Family and friends, thanks for the love and support. Good luck '09. It's not "goodbye." It's "I'll see you later." Splangangia.

Jon
July 26, 1991
17 Riverside Ave
Agawam, MA 01001
Div Lead 1, 2,3,4;
Peer Lead 1,2,3,4; Sachem 4;
Shakespeare Pres. 4

Jacquelyn I. Gabriel

Jackie
March 5, 1991
21 Virginia Street
Agawam, MA 01001
Swim 1,2,3,4; Softball 1, Track 2

It's over! Four years seemed to fly by. Mom, thanks for everything. Dad, I love you (RIP '03). Corinne good times! Best friends for life. AVSD, good times. Keep it up! Good luck Class of '09.

Joe Frigo

Agawam, schools finally done and over. Thanks Mom, Dad, Anthony, and Nick. To all my buds, Lillo, Alexi, and Meg, thanks. Lax team, good memories and good luck. Hacky Sac Club '09. Peace out A-Town.

April 1, 1991
14 Forge Street
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
In Track 2,3; LAX 1,2,3 Cpt. 4;
AIM 2,3,4; Soccer 1

Sarah Gallagher

January 24, 1991
141 Elizabeth Street
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
Cheer 1,2, Cpt. 3,4

"No matter where we go in life, we take a little bit of each other." Mom, Dad, Rose, Tina, and Vin, thanks. I love you! Friends, AVC, it's been fun! Jamie, Brie, Kendra, Kerri, Sam, my girls always. Class of '09.

Kristine R. Gabriel

I can't believe it's over already. Thanks Mom for all you have done. I love you Dad (RIP '03). Corinne, good times. Best friends. Awesome memories in swimming. I'm going to miss everyone. Good luck Class of '09.

Krissy
March 5, 1991
21 Virginia Street
Agawam, MA 01001
Swim 1,2,3,4; Softball 1; Track 2;
NHS 3,4

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Nikita Garcia

"Time you enjoyed wasting was not wasted." Mommy and Big J, thanks for everything. I love you! Corey, I love you. These four years would be nothing without you. Rooster, great times. Thank you. Good luck '09.

Kita
September 24, 1991
76 Carr Avenue
Agawam, MA 01001

Jonathan Gardner

60 Bradford Drive
Feeding Hills, MA 01030

Ambition (*n*): an earnest desire for some type of achievement or distinction, as power, honor, fame, or wealth, and the willingness to strive for its attainment.

Jake Garfield

Thank God it's over! Fun times had. I love you with my entire heart, baby girl. Mom and Dad, I couldn't have done it without you. Good luck Jeff! 12-9-07. Peace out, until our paths cross again.

J. Garf
August 2, 1991
115 Thalia Drive
Feeding Hills, MA 01030

Denise Gates

April 17, 1991
12 Rising Street
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
FH 1,2,3,4; Swim 2;
In Track 3,4; LAX 1,2,3,4;
Stud Gov 3,4

Mom, Dad, and Scott, thanks for all of your support. I love you! To all of my friends, you've made this unforgettable. Doug, just one more year. Thanks for everything! Good luck 2009!

Cori Geiger

I can't believe the time went by so fast! Friends, thanks for it all. We've had fun! "Make the best of what's around because it turns out it's not where you are, but who you're with that matters!" Good luck 2009!

February 28, 1991
33 Zachary Lane
Agawam, MA 01001
FH 1,2, Cpt. 3,4; LAX 1,2 Cpt. 3,4;
In Track 1,2,3; NHS 3,4;
AIM 1,2,3.4; Sachem 4;
Stud Gov 1,2,3,4

Emily Gendron

EmGen
July 23, 1991
70 Muriel Lane
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
JV Soccer 1,2, Cpt. 3;
Var. Soccer 4; LAX 1,2 Cpt. 3,4

We're finally done! I can't believe it's over. I'm glad, yet sad. I will miss my friends I've met over the years, but I wish you all well and good luck to your futures. Farewell Class of '09. Good luck, 2010.

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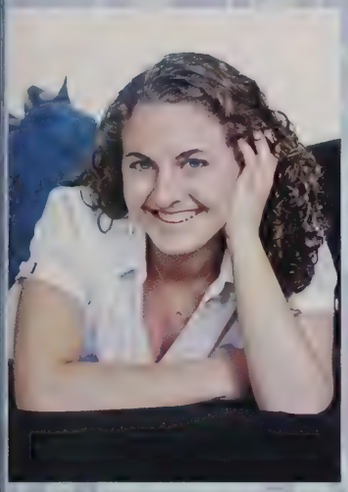
Laken Gendron



I can't believe it's over. Family and friends, thanks for everything! Ali and Gina, best friends always. AVV #18. Good luck Class of 2009!

Lake
October 5, 1990
8 Hampden Lane
Agawam, MA 01001
Vball 1,2,3, Cpt. 4;
Art NHS 3,4; Shakespeare 3,4;
Opus Bono 3,4

Evan Gilbert

The first day of senior year I went to McDonald's, and I ordered a senior coffee. It's been fun!

April 28, 1991
1064 North West Street
Feeding Hills, MA 01030

Bianca Glass

Never forget what you've done to get where you are today. What doesn't kill you will make you stronger. Now is only the beginning, so live it to the fullest. Never look back Class of 2009. Good luck.

May 2, 1990
1189 Main Street
Agawam, MA 01001
Div Lead 2

Janais Germain

Shaniqua
October 26, 1991
306 Cooper Street
Agawam, MA 01001
Soccer 1; Leo 2; Opus Bono 3,4

Well, we finally made it. I'm sure we have all made mistakes and learned from them, every year maturing and changing. Live, laugh, and love for the rest of your life and don't forget. Thanks to all my besties.

Kristin Gill

K.Gill
December 22, 1990
1183 North Street Extension
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
Vball 1,2,4 Cpt. 3; Softball 1,2;
Key 3,4; NHS 3,4; SpNHS 3,4;
Opus Bono 3,4; AIM 1,2,3,4

I can't believe it's over! Mom and Dad, thanks,. I love you. Joe, two more. Enjoy it. Matt, Mack, Lex, Costa, my best. The Crew, always a good time. Good luck 2009! "Follow your heart and nothing else."

Carlos Gomez

Los
November 12, 1990
1914 Castle Hill Road
Agawam, MA 01001
Vball 2,3,4

It's been real. I can't believe it's over. Mom and Mae, love you. Thanks for everything. Mike, Dave, T-Alves, Russ, Vic and Dan, you guys are like brothers. Dani, always. Good luck and Godspeed Class of '09.

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Maryssa E. Gonet

Wow! I can't believe how fast these four years went by. B. Twohig, best friends always. Mom and Dad, thanks for everything. Gaby, good luck with soccer and track. Only one more year to go. Good luck '09!

October 29, 1990
115 Lancaster Drive
Agawam, MA 01001
Soccer 1,2,3,4; Softball 1;
Ski Team 3,4

Matthew Graham

Muggsy
September 27, 1990
1046 North Street Extension
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
Bball 1,2,3, 4; NHS 3,4; Opus Bono 3,4; SpNHS 3,4; Pres. 3; Vice Pres. 4; Football 4

Dad, Mom, Chris, Tara, Ryan, and Cheryl, thanks for always being there. I love you. It's been crazy, Class of '09. Con, hold down the fort kid. ABVB #20. Be true. Be real. Champions take chances. Go big or go home.

Samantha Gravel

Competitive (*adj.*): having a strong desire to compete or succeed.

Ambition (*n.*): an earnest desire for some type of acheivement or distinction as power, honor, or fame, and the willingness to strive for its attainment

Gaberiel Graziano

Gabe
March 3, 1991
14 Coronet Circle
Agawam, MA 01001

That actually was fast. Mom and Dad, thanks a lot. Thanks best buds, you know who you are. I have come to realize over four years that experience is what you get when you don't get what you want.

Daniella Maria Grimaldi

Four years just flew by. Mom and Dad, thanks for never giving up. I love you. Brittney, seven years and still the best of friends. I love you. Maryssa, best friends forever. Emily, good times. Good luck Class of '09.

Dani
March 2, 1991
737 Barry Street
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
Soccer 1, Mngr 2,3,4; Peer Lead 2,3,4; Swim 2,3,4; AFS 2; Softball 1; Sachem 4

Mehreen Hafeez

29 Highland Avenue
Agawam, MA 01001
Tennis 1,2,3, Cpt. 4; Vball 1; Bball 1; In Track 3,4; Tutoring 2; Key 3,4; SAVE 4

Wow, these years went by so fast. Arbresha and Karla, love you. Mom, Dad, and Haseeb, thanks for all your support. Class of '09. We did it!

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Christina Hanke

Xtinana
May 22, 1991
Div Lead 2,3,4; Opus Bono 3,4;
Shakespeare 4

"This is the end, beautiful friends..." Thanks Mom, Joe, and the rest of my family and my teachers for everything. All of my real friends, hope I won't have to miss you too much. See you, '09.

Jessica Hale

It's finally over! Thanks to my Mom and Gram for helping me through my years. I want to send my love to my friends still at AHS. Also to Wyatt J. Spinney, you have always been there for me. 2-4-07. I love you!

Jess
January 1, 1991
27 Wilson Street
Agawam, MA 01001
Ski Club 2

Lauren Hayden

240 Pineview Circle
Agawam, MA 01001

Drive (*n*): a united effort to accomplish some specific purpose or goal

Taylor Hartmann

Wow, I can't believe four years are done. Mom, Dad, and Matt, thanks for everything. Rach, best friends always. Motts, Jess, and friends, thanks for it all. AGVS #8, AVSB #26, AGVB #10. Good luck Class of '09!

T
January 6, 1991
17 William Street
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
Soccer 1,2,3, Cpt 4;
Bball 1,2,3,4; Softball 1,2,3,4;
AIM 1,2,3,4

Jennifer Hensel

July 17, 1991
186 Barry Street
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
NHS 3,4; In Track 3,4; Key 3,4;
Stud Gov 3,4; Shakespeare
1,2,3,4; Ski Club 1,2,3; Vball 1,2;
SpNHS 3,4; Opus Bono 3,4

"Wherever you go, go with all your heart."

Michael Hearn

Brilliant (*adj*): having or showing great intelligence, talent or quality

38 Chapin Street
Feeding Hills, MA 01030

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Julia Holmes

Energy (*n*): forcefulness of expression

32 Reed Street
Agawam, MA 01001

Shane Hope

97 Hope Farms Drive
Feeding Hills, MA 01030

Hope (*n*): full of agreeable expectations

Dean Howard

Woo! It all ends this year. I can hardly believe it. To my friends and teachers, I'll miss you all. Shout out to my girl, Jill. Love you. Good luck to everyone! Class of 2009, I made it.

Dream
March 10, 1991
720 Barry Street
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
Football 1,2; Track 1,2,3,4

Michael Iacolino III

Bill
October 9, 1990
1172 River Road
Agawam, MA 01001

I love you Heather!
We don't do that here.

Michael Iellamo

Optimistic (*adj*): disposed to take a favorable view of events or conditions and to expect the most favorable outcome

454 Corey Street
Agawam, MA 01001

Shelby Lynn Isabell

February 22, 1991
183 North Westfield Street
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
Rosie 1,2,3,4; Tutoring 3,4; AFS 1

This year went so fast! Mom and Dad, thank you for everything. Good luck Class of 2009!

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Abresha Jakupi

1 Belden Court Apt W2
Agawam, MA 01001

Aspiration (*n*): strong desire, longing, or aim; ambition

Chelsea Isom

Intelligent (*adj*): having good understanding or a high mental capacity

108 Granger Drive
Feeding Hills, MA 01030

Brianna Jewett

759 South West Street
Feeding Hills, MA 01030

Brilliant (*adj*): having or showing great intelligence, talent, quality

Timothy Jendrysik

Drive (*v*): to strive vigorously toward a goal or objective; to work, play, or try wholeheartedly and with determination.

68 Norris Street
Feeding Hills, MA 01030

Robert W. Johnson III

Bob
August 11, 1991
Hockey 1,2, Cpt. 3,4; LAX 2,3,4

Mom and Dad, thanks for everything. Good luck Class of '09.

Faith Johnson

These four years flew by! Mom, Dad, I couldn't have done it without you . Thank you. AGVS, I'll miss you girls. Megger, Gina, Dani, you're my bests. I love you girls. Good luck Class of '09!

Faithy
January 27, 1990
Soccer; Track

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Whitney Johnson

"It is not the mountain we conquer, but ourselves." Jilly, Cory, Rykern, Britt, and everyone else, I love you and thanks.

Whitt
July 30,1991

Katie Josefiak

Katie
March 18, 1990
25 Nile Avenue
Agawam, MA 01001
Japanese 1,2,3;
Opus Bono 3,4

What a great four years! I'm going to miss all of my friends. Good luck to the rest of my friends that are still in school!

Meghan Judd

"For what it's worth, it was worth all the while." Mom, Dad, and Jen, thanks for everything. I love you! Girls and guys, you know who you are. Nothing but unforgettable times. Love. Good luck Class of '09!

MegJudd
February 20, 1991
95 Reed Street
Agawam, MA 01001
Soccer 1,2,3,4; LAX 1

Tina Juzba

189 South Westfield Street
Feeding Hills MA, 01030

School (*n*): the body of students, or students and teachers, belonging to an educational institution

Nikos Kalaitidis

Man, now that it's all over, I really am going to miss this place. Mom and Dad, thanks for it all! To the Class of '09, our journey's been epic! I'll miss you all. Peace!

June 25, 1991
25 Holland Drive
Agawam, MA 01001
Soccer 1,2,3,4; Var. Wrest 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2,3,4

Siobhan Keenan

Bon-Bon
July 8, 1991
48 Clifton Drive
Agawam, MA 01001
FH 1,2,3; Tennis 2,3,4

Thanks to everyone for making these four years great. To all my friends, you rock. Steph, I couldn't have done it without you. Gill, have a great four years. Good luck to everyone and see you in 2019.

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Kaitlyn Kellog

Wow! It's finally over! Jaleena, I'm going to miss you! Monica, I did it. Deb and Bill, thanks for everything. Most of all, to my best inspiration, Nathaniel, mommy loves you. Class of '09, good luck!

Kate
September 17, 1990
131 Pineview Circle
Agawam, MA 01001

Jeen-Up Kim

This year went by so fast. Good luck to all of you guys and enjoy the college years.

Puma
June 25, 1990
12 Lakeview Circle
Agawam, MA 01001

Jacob Kopyscinski

Character (*n*): the aggregate of features and traits that form the individual nature of some person or thing

151 Cooper Street
Agawam, MA 01001
Baseball 1,2,3,4; Soccer 1,2,3

Kristopher Kerr

548 North West Street
Feeding Hills , MA 01030

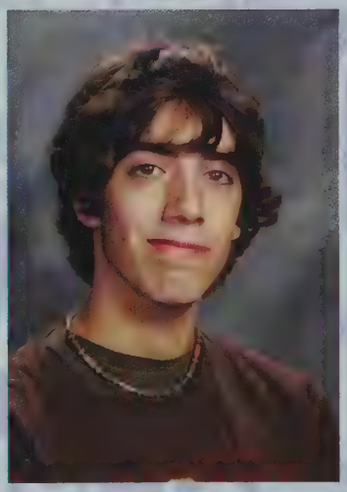
Study (*v*): to apply oneself to the acquisition of knowledge, as by reading, investigation, or practice.

Matthew Knowlton

883 Springfield Street
Feeding Hills, MA 01030

Peer (*n*): A companion or colleague that shares the same general interests

Alexander Koulgeorge



Alex, George
68 Princeton Avenue
Feeding Hills, MA 01030

Positive vibes until the end of time, '09.

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Kevin Kozikowski

Thank God.

Kevin
March 7, 1991
120 Cambridge Street
Feeding Hills, MA 01030

William Krach

Will
February 17, 1991
11 Woodside Drive
Agawam, MA 01001
LAX 1,2,3, Cpt 4

"I'm sick of following my dreams. I'm just going to ask them where they're going, and hook up with them later." Good luck, AVL and Class of '09!

Liliya Krivolenko

April 16, 1990

Wow! I can't believe the year went by so fast. Mom and Dad, thanks for everything, if not for you I wouldn't be here right now. Tanya, you mean everything to me. Good luck Class of '09!

Stephanie Kudlic

Steph
January 19, 1991
266 North Street
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
Key 3,4

Mom, Dad, and Tiff, thank you. I love you. "They can try to break us, and make us fall apart, but the fires in our hearts, reminisce on memories 'cause we're gone." My girls stay classy and my boys stay fly. Peace '09

Katelyn LaBroad

"Some people are settling down, some are settling, and some people refuse to settle for anything less than the butterflies."

25B Walnut Street
PO Box 320
Agawam, MA 01001

Brittany LaFlamme

Brat
January 18,1991
196 Walnut Street
Agawam, MA 01001
Var Gym 1,2,3, Cpt. 4;
Shakespeare 1,2,3,4; Key 3,4;
Opus Bono 3,4; AIM 1,2,3,4

Vicki, four years have gone so fast! To all my friends, I love you guys. I wouldn't have made it without you! Thanks, Mom, for everything! Stevie, two more years! Good luck Class of '09!

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Matt Lafoe

April 1, 1991
2G Mansion Woods Drive
Agawam, MA 01001
In Track 1,2,3,4; LAX 1,2,3,4

I can't believe it's over already, but I had fun while it lasted. Em and Ash, good luck in your remaining three years.

Special thanks to Warner, Fed, and Cohen for your help, support, and believing in me. Thanks Mom, Dad, and Kyle for standing by me every step of the way.

Matt
May 21
26 Hearthstone Drive
Agawam, MA 01001
Bball 2; Golf 3

Collin Langlois

Victoria Lynn Langone

Brit; Britty
December 6,1990
23 Valley Brook Road
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
Chorus 1; Chor. 2; NHS 3,4; Prom Mngr 3,4; Sachem Ed. 4; FrNHS 3,4; IBC 3,4; BGC 1,2; Peer Lead4

"I never could tell a lie that anybody would doubt, nor a truth that anyone would believe." Friends and family, thanks for everything; its been a roller coaster. I won't forget a single moment. That's the truth.

"Life is a movie, make it worth watching." Wow, I can't believe it's over! Thanks Mom, Dad, Krissy, Nick, and the rest of my family and friends for everything! I love you all! RIP Papa! Stay classy '09!

Vicki
January 28,1991
52 Highland Avenue
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
BGC 1,2; Key 3,4

Brittany LaPlante

Jeff LaZazzera

B-Learns
December 11, 1990
319 Southwest Street
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
Soccer 1; In Track 1,2,3, Cpt. 4; XC 2, Cpt. 3, 4; Out Track 1,2, Cpt. 3, 4; AIM 1,2,3,4; Stud Gov 4

It's been fun! AGXC it's your turn this year, take what's yours. Friends, you guys are awesome. Thanks for everything. Jay, RIP. Bricks!

We are finally done! It's been a great four years! Thanks to all of my teachers for keeping things fun and exciting. To my friends and family, thank you. Mom and Dad, you're the best! Good luck Chris!

JLaZ
July 22, 1991
380 Adam Street
Agawam, MA 01001
Var Golf 1,2,3, Cpt. 4; NHS 3,4; Ski Team 1; AIM 1,2,3,4

Brandon Learned

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Trevor Leathem

Senior classes are a good way to end school. Kevin and Kenny, I'm going to see you next year. Lauren is awesome. Ron, Scott, and Aaron, good luck with the band. Ron Cabana, I'm never going to stop haunting you.

Viernal
July 6, 1991

222 James Street
Feeding Hills, MA 01030

Responsibility (*n*): a duty, obligation or burden that is first given to young adults when they are in high school

Emma Lehan

Matt Lemieux

Wow! Four years flew by. Mom and Dad, thanks. Jess and Amanda, always there. DJ and Ang, never a dull moment. Friends, you know who you are, thanks. Good luck '09!

August 2, 1991
74 Liquori Drive
Agawam, MA 01001
Soccer 1,2,3,4; AIM 1,2,3;
Baseball 1,2,3,4

May 13, 1991
Tennis 1,2,3,4; Soccer 1;
NHS 3,4; SADD 2,3,4; Key 4

It's finally over! Mom and Dad, thanks for everything. Jackie and Krissy, you guys are the best. Best friends forever. Abby and tennis, crazy times. Fenya, Alli, Meg, Chris, and Jamie! Good luck Class of '09!

Corinne Lewis

Ryan Liebel

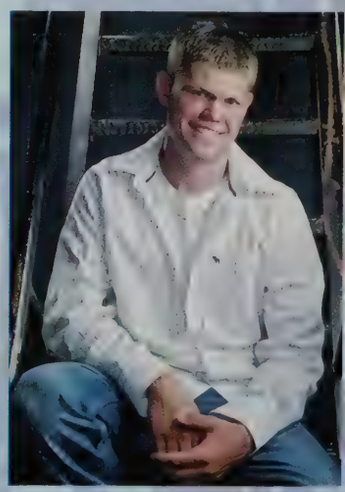
"I don't wanna grow up, I'm a Toys "R" Us kid. A million toys to choose from, that I can play with." Seacrest, out!

Liebel
March 26, 1991
60 James Street
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
Wrest 1,2,3,4; Peer Lead 1,2,3,
Vice Pres. 4; LAX 1,2,3,4

98 Princeton Avenue
Feeding Hills, MA 01030

Thanks Mom and Dad for everything! Good luck Ashley. Good luck Class of '09!

Adam Lindeland



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Frank Luvera III

Frankie, FL 3
October 25, 1990
11 Briar Hill Road
Feeding Hills, MA 01030

I'm done. The four years of high school are over. Mom and Dad, you're the best. Britt, have fun for two more years! Brie, you mean everything. As for me, California here I come.

Alexi Lovechio

What a long crazy journey! Mack, Kristin, Meg Judd and my buddies, love you! Friends, thanks for everything. Family thanks and love you. Rock on '09!

Lex
February 22, 1991
40 Bradford Drive
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
Soccer 1,2,3,4

Alex Lyubezhanin

Alex
July 1, 1990

Finally, I'm done with twelve years of school. First, I want to thank my parents for the encouragement that they gave me. Thanks to Mr. Cohen and all teachers. I appreciate your help. Good luck Class of 2009!

Kimberly Lynch

"Why should you want to know? Don't you mind about the future, time and fates you can't decide. Save tomorrow for tomorrow, think for today instead. When do we ride into Jerusalem?"

K dawg
October 12, 1990
38 Hamilton Circle
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
Peer Lead 1,2,3,4; NHS 3,4;
Book Club 3,4; ASMW 3,4;
Band 1,2,3,4; J Band 3,4;

Eric Joseph Macomber

Cucumber
December 14, 1989
32 Wilson Street
Agawam, MA 01001
Tennis 2,3; Japanese 1,2,3,4

It's over! Thank you Mom and Dad for everything! Thank you Rene for being there and being the best sister! To everyone else, I love you all. "Even through the darkest days this fire burns always."

Liz MacFadzen

I can't believe it's over. The years really do go by fast. Mom, thanks for everything. I love you. All my friends, thanks for the good times. Good luck '09. Peace.

Liz Mac
September 9, 1991
352 Suffield Street
Agawam, MA 01001
In Track 2,3,4; Out Track 2,3,4;
FTA 1,2,3,4; NHS Pres. 3,4

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Nicholas Magnolia

"Everybody is somebody else's weirdo." Have fun everyone, and I'll see you at the next reunion.

Nick
September 20, 1990
44 Sunset Terrace
Feeding Hills, MA 01030

Kevin Mallory

Kmal
May 3, 1991
27 Harding Street
Agawam, MA 01001
Ski Club 1,2,3,4

Thanks Mom and Dad. Dez, you are my life. It went so fast. Good luck Class of 2009.

Kathryn Malone

"Take what you can from dreams and make them as real as anything."
– Dave Matthews Band

Kate
January 7, 1991
42 Depot Street
Southwick, MA 01077
Mirror 2,3,4

Kevin Mangano

Mango, K-Mang, that really cool kid
February 20, 1991
38 Barney Street
Agawam, MA 01001

Mom, Dad, Mike, Jen, thanks for the love and support. Megan, you mean everything to me. Thanks for everything. Jon and all the friends, thanks for all the fun times. All of you made everything worth it!

Gena Mangiaratti

It feels like these four years went by too fast, but when I look back a lot has happened. Thanks Mom, Dad, and Rob. Chelsea, it's been a fun nine years, hopefully more to come. Best of luck Class of '09.

Mang
May 31, 1991
111 Karen Lynn Circle
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
Track 1,2,3,4; Track 2,3,4; NHS 3,4; Tutoring 1,2; Key 3,4; AIM 3,4; SpNHS 3,4; Shakespeare 4

Mary Marcil

Face
July 27, 1991
67 Beekman Drive
Agawam, MA 01001
BGC 2,3,4; Shakespeare 3,4

I am so excited! I will miss you all so much. These are the times I will always remember.

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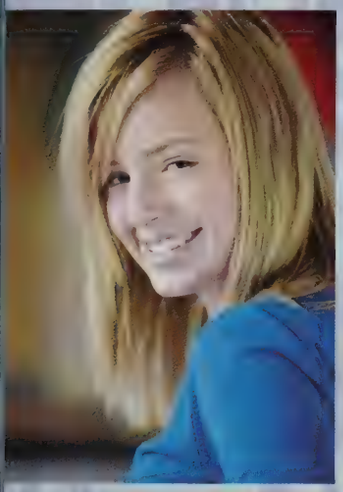
Jamie Martin

Del Mar
October 30, 1990
712 Southwest Street
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
Golf 2

It all went by so fast. Thanks Mom, Dad, and Katy for everything. Friends, take it easy. Good luck Class of 2009!

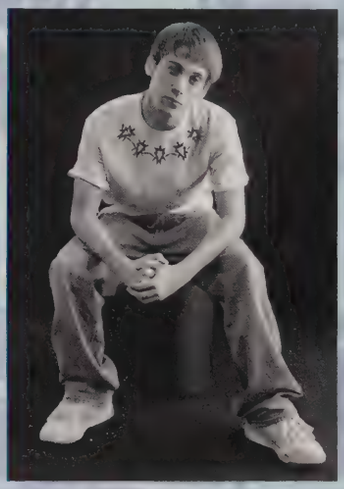
Abby Martin



Finally! We're on to the real world. To my family, thank you for every little effort. Corinne, keep your feet moving.

Abbs
January 6, 1991
30 Logan Place
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
Tennis 1, Var. 2,3,4;
Tutoring 1,2,3,4

Anthony Masotti



Masetti
81 Senator Avenue
Agawam, MA 01001

Stay lifted. Project Fatalist.

Dan Masciotra

I can't believe four years have gone by so fast. Thank you Mom and Dad. Without you, I wouldn't be here. It has been a great time. I couldn't ask for better friends. Good luck '09.

Soch
October 20, 1990
33 Katherine Drive
Agawam, MA 01001
NHS 3,4; Opus Bono 3,4;
Baseball 1; In Track 2; Golf 2,3,4

Meghan Brielle McGuire

Meg
January 8, 1991
88 Robin Ridge Drive
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
LAX 1; Key Pres. 4; FTA 4

Every ending is a new beginning. Mom, Dad, Kyle, Ryan, and Breezy, thanks. All my love. Rob, you're always there. I love you. My bests, couldn't have done it without you. It's been fun '09. Good luck!

Andrew Mattarazzo

Mom, Dad, and Liz, thanks for always being there for me. It went by so fast! #23 Good luck ABVS. Schnepp, Costa, and Taylor, thank you guys for always being there. Good luck Class of 2009!

Motts
May 8, 1991
17 Forge Street
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
Soccer 1,2 Cpt 3,4; Bball 1,2;
AIM 1,2

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Megan McNair

I can't believe it's all over! Mom and Dad, thank you so much for everything. I love you. Alyssa, only two more years left to go, good luck. Faith, Dani, and Jess, my girls always! AVFH #14. Good luck '09.

272 Adams Street
Agawam, MA 01001
August 21, 1991

Michael Mead

23 Wagon Wheel Drive
Feeding Hills, MA 01030

Dedication (*n*): a devoting or setting aside for a particular purpose

Lilia Melnichuk

Fastest four years of my life! Thanks to my family and all my friends. I love you. David, one more year! Ivanna, it'll be over before you know it. Good luck!

Lil
April 26, 1991
74 Southwest Street
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
Peer Lead 1,2,3,4; NHS 3,4; VBall 1; Tennis 1,2,3; Band 1,2,3,4; Opus Bono 3,4; Shakespeare 1,2

Abigail Messick

November 25, 1990
118 Princeton Avenue
Feeding Hills, MA 01030

Chelsea, Kevin, Gena, Siobhan, etc., all of you are awesome beyond belief. Stay just as amazing.

Emily Mias

Mom and Dad, thanks. Matt, always. Alyssa! Nicole, Tim, Jen, and Jon... Splangangia. "No matter where you go, there you are."

Emily
August 16, 1991
53 Memory Lane
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
NHS 3,4; Art Club 1,2,3; Tennis 1; Ski Club 1,2,3; Sachem 4

Joseph Milillo

190 North Westfield Street
Feeding Hills, MA 01030

Procrastinate (*v*): to put off intentionally and habitually something that should be done.

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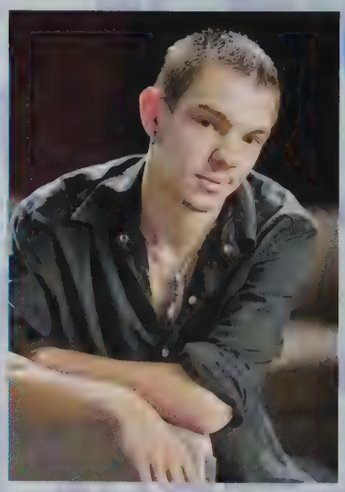
Jacob Miodowski



1235 Suffield Street
Agawam, MA 01001

Inspiration (*n*): the act or acts of influencing or suggesting opinions

Justin Miller

Seniors '09. Mommy, Dad and Jazz, thanks. Good times.

JMils
154 Lancaster Drive
Agawam, MA 01001
Bball 1,2,3,4; Vball 3,4; Key 4

Angela Misischia

Pookie
July 12, 1991
382 North Westfield Street
Feeding Hills, MA 01030

Finally, it's over! Thank you Mom, family, and Heather for always being there. John, I love you more than you'll ever know! Good Times '09.

Kamila Misiak

These past four years have gone by unbelievably fast! Jill, Vicki and Brit, thanks for everything! Thank you to all my teachers! Mom, Dad, and Adrian, Dzieki za wszystko! Duzo szczescia dla wszystkich!

June 8, 1990
116 Barbara Lane
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
ASMW 1,2,3,4; Math 1,2,3,4; NHS 3,4; FrNHS 3,4; Tennis 1,2,3,4; Book 2,3,4; Knit 2,3,4; Shakespeare 1,2,3,4

Zachary Mongeau

Zach
February 3, 1991
45 School Street
Agawam, MA 01001
BGC 1,2

You remember those good times, because I do. Those were good times.

Andrew Moffatt

It's finally over! Mom and Heather, thanks for everything. I'll keep writing for all the Project Fatalist fans listening out there!

Amoff
August 30, 1991
68 Peros Drive
Agawam, MA 01001

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Becca Montano

Wow! It's been fun! Mom and Dad, thanks for it all. Good luck Ant and Matt! AGXC and AGVT, I love you girls! Good luck Class of '09!

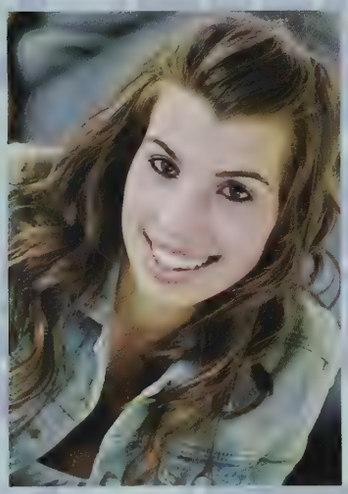
October 11, 1990
77 Dutchmaster Drive
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
XC 2,3,4; In Track 1,2 Cpt. 3,4; Out Track 1,2,3, Cpt. 4; SAVE 1,2, 3,4; AIM 1,2,3,4; NHS 3,4; Opus Bono 3,4; Mirror 3,4; SpHS 3,4

Antonia Moore

Toni
September 23, 1991
35 Arbor Lane
Agawam, MA 01001
NHS 3,4; BGC 1,2; Tennis 2,3,4; C Band 1,2,3,4; J Band 2,3,4; M Band 1,2,3,4; Peer Lead 4

I've pondered what to say here since freshman year and I still don't know. Do everything for the experience! Be nice for no reason! Thanks to anyone that has ever made me laugh, students and teachers alike.

Megan Moriarty



You better make it count, cause you can't get it back. Mom, Dad, Paige and Jules, I love you. Thanks! De, Linds, Kristen, Alexi, Meg, Mack, and the guys, all my love. Anthony, thank you. Paige, three more years.

Meg Mo
June 17, 1991
134 Hendom Drive
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
Soccer 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2; NHS 3,4; Mirror 3,4; Treas. 3,4

Rashad Morris

92 Barney Road
Agawam, MA 01001

Intellectual (*adj*): developed or chiefly guided by the intellect rather then by emotion or experience

Devon Mozdzanowski

Wow! Four years went by quickly. Mom, Dad, and Rachel, thanks for believing in me all these years. Also, Kyle and Drew, mad love for you guys. Class of '09, live the dream.

Dev, Birdman, DMoz, Wheels
January 20, 1991
22 Mulberry Street
Agawam, MA 01001
Bball 1,2,3,4; Soccer 1,2

Steven Muldrew

15 Autumn Street
Agawam, MA 01001

Excellence (*n*): the quality of being excellent or having valuable quality

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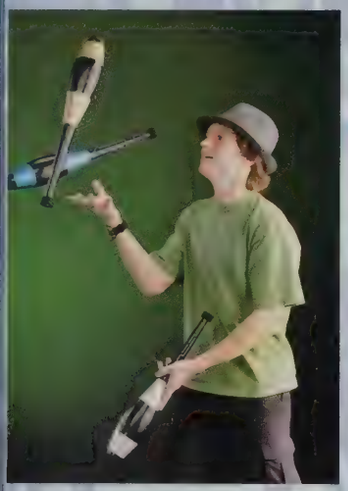
Haley Muzzy

Hales
April 1, 1991
73 Stony Hill Road
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
Swim 1; Key 3,4

Wow! These four years just flew by. Thanks Mom and Dad for always being there. Josh, two more years to go! Love you guys. Good Luck Class of '09!

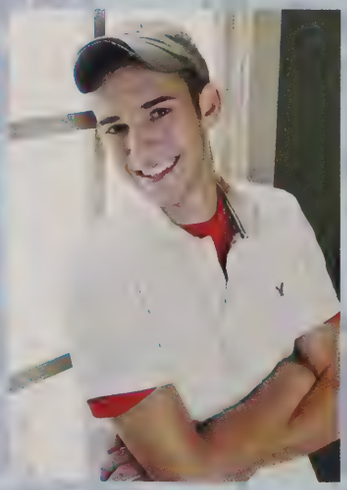
Ryan Muller



What, it's over already? XC, have fun at states this year. Don't forget the combo #3214! Mom and Dad, thanks for everything. Karen, only one more year left. Good luck to the Class of '09!

Mule, RAM
January 2, 1991
72 Sunset Terrace
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
XC 2,3,4; In Track 2,3,4;
Out Track 1,2,3,4; Rosie 1;
Math 1,4; FrNHS 3,4; NHS 4

Vinnie Nitri



Vinnie
May 14, 1991
18 Cesan Street
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
Var Soccer; Var VBall

Wow, I can't believe it's over. Thanks Mom, Dad, and Ant. I could not have done it without you guys. Good luck '09.

Pratiti Nakrani

Life is a game. Play it. Thank you, God. Mom and Dad, I love you. Preeti, two more years. Friends, good times. Good luck Class of '09.

Titi
June 20, 1991
82 Wagon Wheel Drive
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
VBall 1,2,3,4; Peer Med 1,2,3,4;
NHS 3,4; AIM 3,4

Katarzyna Nowik

Kassia, Osh-Kosh-Bogose
46 Rosie Lane
Agawam, MA 01001
Leo 2,3,4; IBC 3,4; Art Club 1,2,
3,4; Peer Lead 1,2,4; Uniqorn 1,2
3,4; Shakespeare 2,3,4; DivLead
1,2,4; NAHS 3,4; Knit 1,2,3,4

To all the teachers who doubted me, family who disowned me, friends who betrayed me, chances that failed me, and anyone who's ever denied me, I have just one thing to say: told you I'd make it.

Valentina Novik

Fantastic (*adj*): exceedingly large or great

4 Church Street
Agawam, MA 01001

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Brendan O'Brien

I have only this to say: We'll always have the school and everyone here. Thanks to my family and good luck to my sister, Peyton.

Enigma
February 10, 1991
16 Tina Lane
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
ASMW 1,2,3,4; BGC 2,3,4

Jimmy Olson

Jimmy
February 7, 1991
26 Stony Hill Road
Agawam, MA 01001
Track

Wow, time flew right by. I'm pretty sure later on I will miss AHS. Good luck to all!

Tim Olson

Wow! Four years flew by. Mom and Dad, thanks for everything. ABVS #9, Skiing. Life is changing. Now it's my time to turn the page to the next step of life. Good Luck Class of '09!

Tim
November 28, 1990
98 Hendom Drive
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
Soccer 1,2,3,4;
Ski Team 1,2, Cpt. 3,4

Alexander Orban

4 Mansion Woods Drive
Agawam, MA 01001

Happy *(adj)*: Enjoying, showing, or marked by pleasure, satisfaction, or joy.

Nicole Ouimette

Glad it's over. Becca, Ravenclaw! Good luck. I love you. Thanks friends and family. Brie, you are terrific!

Cole; Colie
27 Beech Hill Road
Agawam, MA 01001
Shakespeare 4

Adam Pafumi

47 Riverview Avenue
Agawam, MA 01001

Technology *(n)*: the methods and tools that a society has developed in order to facilitate the solution of its practical problems.

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Daniel Paul

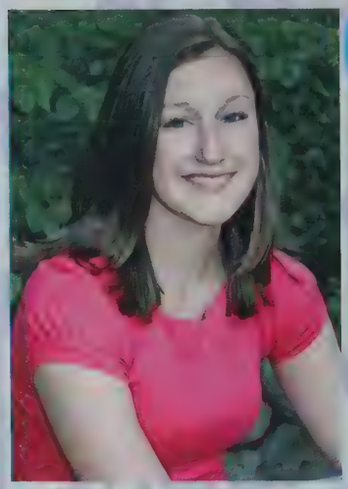
KP
December 12, 1990
194 Meadow Street
Agawam, MA 01001
Track 2,3,4; Lax 1,2,3,4; NHS 3,4; Shakespeare 1,2,3,4; SpNHS 3,4; VBall 1,2,3,4; Opus Bono 3,4

"I'll do my dreaming with my eyes wide open, and I'll do my looking back with my eyes closed." Thanks Mom, Dad, Mike, and Kev for everything! Love you! Friends, thanks for the memories! Good luck '09!

Memories (*n*): Time covered by the remembrance or recollection of a person or group of persons that is of importance in their life.

16 Tanglewood Lane
Feeding Hills, MA 01030

Caitlin Paulin



Russell Petrucci

Trucc
December 15, 1990
343 School Street
Agawam, MA 01001
Baseball 1, Bball 1,2; Golf 2,3; VBall 2,3,4, Cpt. 4; Girls VBball Mngr 4

Mom, Dad, Linds, Stina; thanks for everything. T. Alves, Franco, Mike, Carlos, and Vic, love you guys. These are truly the best days of my life. All good things draw to an end and then shines a new light; follow it.

Nichole Pelletier

Four years came and went! Car and Jess, one more year! You'll do great! Mom and Dad, thanks for keeping me in line, I love you! Uncle John, RIP. Wish you could see this. I love you and I miss you! Good Luck '09!

Nicholey
February 11, 1991
48 Line Street
Feeding Hills, MA 01030

Shauna Phillips- Lamkins

November 2, 1990
128 Ridgeway Drive
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
Chorale 1; Honors Chorus 2,4

It's over! Thanks to everyone in my family. RIP Dad. My daughter Amber, I love you so much baby girl! I love you Jay. Thanks Catie for everything! Good luck Isabel, Tim, and Anthony! Live it '09.

Ryan Peucker

These four years have brought me so many exciting people and places. I thank my parents and my friends for everything. I owe it all to you guys.

Ryan
September 29, 1991
4 Hunters Greene Circle
Agawam, MA 01001
AFS 1,2; SADD 1,2,Teas. 3, Vice Pres. 4; NHS Treas. 3,4

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Ashley Ann Picard

These four years went by so fast. Mom, thanks for everything. Good Luck Class of '09.

August 19, 1990
78 Norris Street
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
Swim 1; Softball 2

Kaila Pirnie

337 North West Street
Feeding Hills, MA 01030

Privilege (*n*): a right or immunity granted as a peculiar benefit, advantage, or favor

Joseph Pirro

Growth (*n*): progressive development in which a person develops and changes in a positive way over time.

674 North West Street
Feeding Hills, MA 01030

Allison Plante

December 20, 1990
31 Federal Street
Agawam, MA 01001
Softball 1,2; Knitting 2,3

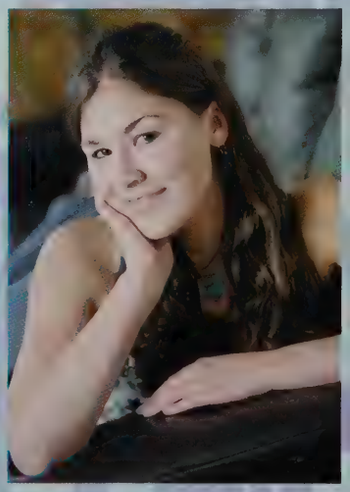
Time flies when you're having fun! Mom and Dad, thanks for everything. You are an inspiration! Alex, you're my other half. I love you! Class of '09, good luck with everything.

Nick Planzo

Mom and Dad, I love you. Thanks for everything. Karl, you're my boy. Mackin, don't steal anything. Manning, thanks for the shed. Good luck AHS Hockey. Feeley, stay noble and wise. Can't wait for the summer house.

Planzo
November 9, 1990
200 Adams Street
Agawam, MA 01001
Soccer 1,2,3; Hockey 1,2,3,4;
LAX 1,2,3,4; AIM 1,2,3,4;

Nicole Proulx



May 9. 1991
18 Independence Road
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
Art Club 2,3,4; Knitting 3,4;

High school really flew by! I couldn't have made it without all my friends. Thanks to you and Bug, Tato, and Bemz. Good luck class of 2009! "This is the first day of the rest of our lives."

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Geoffrey Putnam

Bugs, Sammy
September 18, 1990
61 School Street
Agawam, MA 01001
Soccer 1; Track 1,2; In Track 2,4;
Ski Club 1,2,3,4

"Here's to the goodbye, tomorrow's gonna come too soon." These years went by so fast. My girls, nothing but the best. Mom, Dad, and Steph, thanks for it all. I love you. Kim, thanks. Good luck Class of '09.

Athletics (*n*): exercises, sports, or games engaged in by athletes

88 Wallace Street
Springfield, MA 01119

Samantha Rafay

Jonavan Ramos

34 Barbara Lane
Feeding Hills, MA 01030

Friendship (*n*): A unique blend of affection, loyalty, love, respect, trust and loads of fun

Azra Rahman

This has been a smashing year! Thanks everyone for everything. Old friends and new friends, Mom and Dad, thanks. I wish you all the best. Never back down from a challenge. "Bon chance" with the future '09!

Az
October 20, 1991
995 Shoemaker Lane
Agawam, MA 01001
Bball; NHS; AFS; Swim

Ethan J. Rheault

E- Toe
April 29, 1990
26 Edward Street
Agawam, MA 01001
Football 1,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4

Mom and Dad, thanks for everything. Frankie, Gello, and the boys, the shed! Good luck next year, Faith. This year was wild! Good luck '09.

Matthew Rannenberg

Wise (*adj*): Having the ability to discern or judge what is true, right, or lasting

53 Janelle Drive
Agawam, MA 01001

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Mason Richard

The high school years have flown by. I don't want it to be over already. Thanks to all my friends. Thanks for everything.

April 19, 1991
4 Liquori Drive
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
Var Hockey 1,2,3,4

Mike Rigali

Rigs
August 31, 1991
76 James Street
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
Football 1,2,3, Cpt. 4

Wow! These four years flew by. Mom and Dad, I love you. Thanks for everything. AVF #10. Mario, three more years. Get it done. Frank, thanks for everything. Good luck '09.

Scott Riley

Wow it's finally over. Thank you, Mom and Dad, for everything. Love you Kaila.

Scotty
February 24, 1991
83 Valentine Street
Agawam, MA 01001

Tim Riley

Mom and Dad, thanks for everything! Alyssa, Meg, Chels and Emily, you guys are the best! Bry, you're the best mechanic I could ask for. Good times '09.

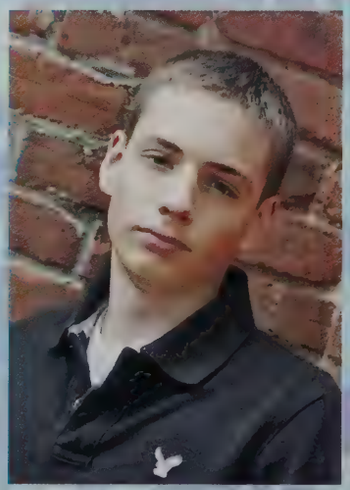
Tim
September 22, 1990
133 Line Street
Feeding Hills, MA 01030

Allyson Ripke

Wow, I can't believe it's finally over! Mom and Dad, love you guys. Friends, these four years wouldn't have been the same without you. "Tomorrow's just a mystery, oh yeah. But that's okay." 2009, it's our time.

Ally
July 23, 1991
26 Forest Hill Road
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
Sec. 3,4; In Track 1,2,3,4;
LAX 1,2,3,4; XC 3,4; NHS 3,4

Corey Roberts



C-Rob
May 17, 1991
15 Provin Mt. Drive
Feeding Hills, MA 01030

Years flew by. Thanks Mom, Dad, Kelsey, Christy, Daven, and all my friends. Without you, I wouldn't be here. Good luck Class of '09.

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James Roberts- Manning

Jumpin' Joe
May 4, 1991
104 Garden Street
Feeding Hills, MA 01030

Varsity letter (*n*): an award earned by participation in a school sport.

42 Vadnais Street
Agawam, MA 01001

Joe Rogers

Yes, finally here! I'm glad that I had such great friends. Love you guys, Jaleena, Emily, Kaitlyn, Jen, and my cousin Katie. Class of '09!

Ashley Roncali

13 Still Brook Lane
Feeding Hills, MA 01030

Honor (*n*): Principled uprightness of character; personal integrity.

Victor Ronca

50 said, "Go ahead switch the styles up, and if they hate, then let them hate and watch the money pile up." Mom, Dad, Carlo, Christie, and Steph, I love you guys.

Vic
October 27, 1990
788 Northwest Street
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
FTA 1,2,3,4; Key 3,4; Soccer 3,4; Bball 3,4

Jacqueline Roundy

Jackie
July 12, 1991
969 Main Street
Agawam, MA 01001

The years went by way too fast. Inspire the world Class of '09!

Gabriela Rossi

"We all take different paths in life, but no matter where we go, we take a little of each other everywhere." Mom, Dad, and John, thanks for it all. I love you. Liz and Britt, my best. Good Luck '09!

Gab
April 17, 1991
15 Fairview Street
Agawam, MA 01001
In Track 2,3,4; Out Track 2,3,4; NHS 3,4; FTA 1,2,3,4; Opus Bono 3,4

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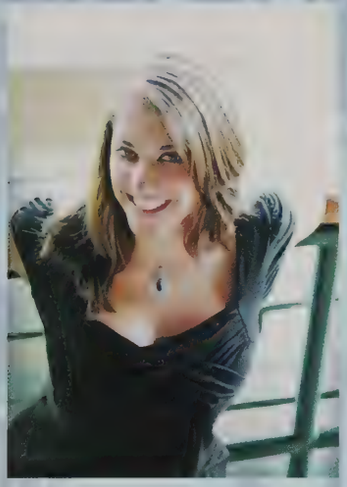
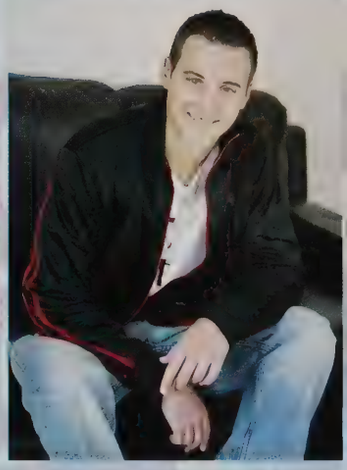
Jillian Roy



"Failure is the condiment that gives success its flavor." Mom, Dad, and friends, thanks.

Jilly
July 16, 1991
5 Cottonwood Lane
Agawam, MA 01001

Frank Sacco



Soc's
August 9, 1991
77 Reed Street
Agawam, MA 01001
Football 1,2,3, Cpt. 4;
Baseball 1,2,3,4

"You just can't live that negative way, make way for the positive day." Mom, Dad, Cristen and Jen, love you so much. Ethan and the guys, can't have picked better boys. Agawam football #7. Class of '09, we run this!

Michael S. Saccomani

Looking forward to college. Thanks Mom, Dad, and Ant for everything.

Mike
October 24, 1990
461 Barry Street
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
Var. LAX 1,2,3, Cpt. 4; Track 3,4;
Model Congress 3; Opus
Bono 4; AIM 1,2,3,4

Delanie Sapelli

De
October 2, 1990
63 Deering Street
Agawam, MA 01001
Var. Soccer 1,2,3 Cpt. 4; Var.
Bball 1,2,3,4; Vice Pres. 3,
Pres. 4; Mirror 3,4

"May your dreams stay big and your worries stay small." Linds and Meg, my best. Meg, Lex, Mack and Kristin, stay crazy! Mom, Dad, and DJ, I love you. Melissa, thank you! Take it easy '09.

Eugenio Sapelli

Mom, Dad, Melissa, and Delanie, thanks! Chris, good luck. Angelo, like a brother. Matt, Ethan, Joe, Frank, Will, Meg Mo, Lindsay, Meg, Kristin, and Alexi, best memories. Good luck Class of '09!

D.J.
October 2, 1990
63 Deering Street
Agawam, MA 01001
Baseball 1,2,3,4; Golf 1;
Hockey 1

Nick Sarnelli

17 Dartmouth Street
Agawam, MA 01001

Wow! It's over. I did it. Thank you Mom and G. Becky, thanks for the help. Good luck Ang. One more year. Dad, RIP. 62-02. Good luck, Class of '09.

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Erin Saunders

15 Highland Avenue
Agawam, MA 01001

It's been a long journey. Couldn't have done it without my friends, Mom, and Dad. Love you all. "Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end." Peace out!

Oz Sarpkaya

It seems like yesterday was my first day here. It went by real fast. Mom and Dad, thanks for everything. Little bro, have fun and good luck. Class of '09!

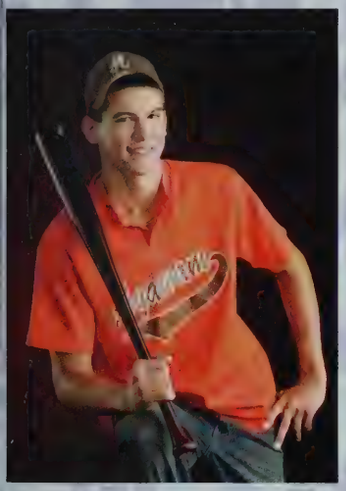
Oz
178 Walnut Street
Agawam, MA 01001
Soccer 1, 2

Andy Schnepp

Schnepp
May 22, 1991
Soccer 1,2 Cpt. 3,4; Bball 1,2,3
Cpt. 4; VBall 1 Cpt. 2,3,4

We made it! Motts, Dalton, and Graham, you my boys! Mom and Dad, thanks for everything. Everyone else, I love you guys. I thank you for everything.

Jeffery Schindler



The past four years went by so fast. Thanks, Mom and Derryl, for all the support. David, good luck with your next three years. Brandon, good luck with freshman year. You're going to need it.

Schindler
May 24, 1991
110 Fairview Street
Agawam, MA 01001
Rosie 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2

Chante Lynn Segarra

May 26, 1991
27 Anthony Street
Agawam, MA 01001
Chorale 1; Honors Chorus 2,3,4

Wow! I never thought I'd make it this far! It went fast. Mom, you're the best. Good Luck Class of '09!

Nathaniel Scuderi

Creative (*adj.*): promoting construction or creation.

69 Halladay Drive
Feeding Hills, MA 01030

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Anthony Settembre

It's finally over! Four years went by fast. Thanks, Mom and Dad, for everything. I love you. Mike, Gabe, and Blais. Good luck Class of '09!

Fat Ant
November 26, 1990
44 Keller Circle
Agawam, MA 01001
Football 1,2; Out Track 1;
Wrest 3,4

Ilya Shamir

Eli
February 16, 1989
56 Pevzer Hifa
Israel

Ability (*n.*): the quality of being able to perform; a quality that permits or facilitates achievement or accomplishment.

Sam Sharkey

"Those who danced were thought to be quiet insane by those who could not hear the music."- Angela Monet

Sam Sharkey
March 9, 1991

Khalid Shehemi

September 21, 1991
106 Barbara Lane
Feeding Hills, MA 01030

It went by so fast. Mom, Dad, and Iman, I love you. Thank you for everything.

Kaitlyn Sherry

Well it's been great, but it's time for all of us to move on and live our lives. Peace out, Class of '09! Goodbye Agawam! Kev says see you on the flip side!

Kait
November 12, 1990
120 Anvil Street
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
Key 3,4

Regina Sibilia

Gina
March 30, 1991
VBall 1,2,3, Cpt. 4; Tennis 2,3,4;
NHS Sec. 3,4; Opus Bono 3,4; Art
NHS 3; Shakespeare 3,4 ;
Key 3,4; Mirror 4; Sachem 4

I cant' believe it's over! Mom and Dad, thanks for everything. My friends, thanks for all the great memories. Good luck '09!

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Dan Sole

Dan
June 16, 1991
57 Liberty Street
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
Honors Chorus 1,2;
Tenor Leader 4; BGC 2; Sec. 3;

Wow it's over. Four years went by so fast. Stef, Mary, Abby, Siobhan, and Sarah, I'll remember these years with you forever. Mom and Dad, thanks for being so tough on me. You guys are the best. Good luck '09!

Becca Skiba

Dude! I can't believe it. Good luck everybody. Peace, love, and happiness.

Becca, Skiba
682 North West Street
Feeding Hills, MA 01030

Sarah St. Germain

Little One
September 17, 1991
1017 Suffield Street
Agawam, MA 01001
Var. Gym 1,2; ASMW 1;
Knitting 1; Chor. 2

High school has come and gone. If it wasn't for friends and family, I probably wouldn't have made it this far. Thanks guys. Good luck Class of '09! Nikki, thanks for everything. The sky is the limit.

Emily Sotolotto

"Of all these friends and lovers, there is no one who compares with you." – Beatles.
Bri, we did it! Fourteen years later, my bestie always. Mom, Dad, Laur, Ant, and Bandit, love!

Esot
September 26, 1991
36 Reed Street
Agawam, MA 01001
Softball 1,2; VBall 1,2

Brittany H. Struck

B-Struck
August 12, 1991
37 Beekman Drive
Agawam, MA 01001
Softball 1; Bball 1; Track 2,3,4;
Soccer 2,3,4; FTA 3,4; Leo 3,4;
Mirror 2,3,4

"Ain't no telling where the wind might blow. Free and easy down the road I go." Family and friends, thanks for everything. Good luck '09.

Aaron St. Laurent

High-spirited (*adj.*): characterized by a bold and energetic attitude.

26 Walnut Street
Agawam, MA 01001

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Alyssa Styckiewicz

Mom and Dad, thanks for everything. Best of friends, great memories. Emily! Brianne, Jon, Brit, Jen, Pete, and Tim, always a big part of my life. Mike, always the best advice! Good luck Class of '09!

April 22, 1991
444 Meadow Street
Agawam, MA 01001
Tennis 1; Swim 1,2,3,4; VBall 1,2; NHS 3,4; Tutoring 2,3; SADD 4; Art Club 1,2,3; Shakespeare 1,2,3

Sergiy Sukhyna

Serg
July 8, 1991
55 Spring Street
Agawam, MA 01001

Wow! I can't believe it's over! It's been a cool experience. Thanks to Mom and Dad. Good luck to the Class of '09!

Brittany Sullivan

Finally! Thanks Mom, Grandma, and Gramps! Love you! To all my friends, you guys were great! Fun times at Nate's! Chris, I wouldn't have made it without you! Love ya bunches! Good luck 2010. Have fun while it lasts!

Britt, Alabama, Sully
February 6, 1991
32 Morningside Circle
Feeding Hills, MA 01030

Brett Summers

129 Riviera Drive
Agawam, MA 01001

Loyal (*adj.*): Faithful to a cause or person; full devotion.

Nadia Suprunchuk

I can't believe the year is over. Tanya, thank you for everything. I love you. Mom and Dad, thanks for it all. Good luck, Class of '09! I will always remember all the good times I had in Agawam High.

63 Norman Terrace
Feeding Hills, MA 01030

Tetyana Suprunchuk

63 Norman Terrace
Feeding Hills, MA 01030

Wow! I can't believe that the years went by so fast. Nadia, sis, thank you for your help. I love you. Mom and Dad, thanks for it all. Good luck, Class of '09!

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Jessica Szczepanek

Jess Panic
April 1, 1991
258 Adams Street
Agawam, MA 01001
Track 2,4; Art NHS 3,4; Leo 2;
Art Club 1,2,3

I want to thank everyone that saw me for me, because in the end that's all that matters. My family is my world, along with my friends. Always remember to "Imagine."
– John Lennon

Kellie- Anna Suska

"Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter, and those who matter don't mind."
– Dr. Seuss

1023 North Westfield Street
Feeding Hills, MA 01030

Katelin Therrien

Kate, KT
August 6, 1991
420 Main Street
Agawam, MA 01001
Art Club 1,2,3,4; Key 3,4;
Track 2,3,4; Softball 1,2,3,4

Thanks for everything. To my family and friends, love you all! Many good memories at AHS and it all flew by. Best wishes class of '09! Thanks Ashley and Meg.

Chelsea Theroux

The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams. Friends, thanks for it all. Mom, Dad, Britt, and Liza, thanks so much! Love you! Mike, I don't know where I'd be without you! '09!

Chels
October 17, 1990
74 Brown Avenue
Holyoke, MA 01040
Cheer 1

Brittney Lee Twohig

Britt, Twiggy
May 20, 1991
51 White Fox Road
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
Soccer 1; Softball 1, Gym 2,3,4;
Swim 2,3,4; Peer Lead 2,3,4;
Key 4

You only get one chance, so live it up and hold on to the memories. Dad, Mom, Nick, and Connor, thanks for everything. I love you. Gonet, my best through it all. Ashley Ann, thanks so much. Good luck '09.

Stephanie Trimboli

Wow! I can't believe it's over. Thanks to all my friends for being there for me. I love you guys. Good luck Class of '09.

Stephy
February 28, 1991
49 Center Steet
Agawam, MA 01001

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Gianna Ugolini

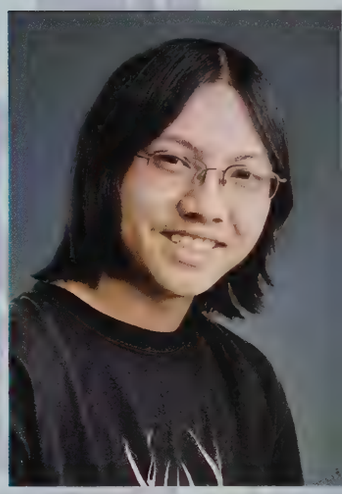
Inventive (*adj.*): Adept or prolific at producing inventions.

1649 Suffield Street
Agawam, MA 01001

K Dizzle
July 12, 1991
25 Kristen Lane
Agawam, MA 01001

Everyone says this, but the years did go by fast. To all my friends in the Class of '10 or '11, love you guys. I'd like to give a shout out to my group, Ron, Lauren, Trev, Scott, Aaron, etc. Peace.

Kevin Ung



Jillian Van Ness

Thanks for it all Mom, Dad, and my siblings! Shavone is my favorite sister! Sarah, Kamila and all my friends, you're all the best! Dean, I love you so much! Good luck AGVS, AVT, and Class of 2009!

Jillie
January 16,1991
126 Elm Street
Agawam, MA 01001
Track 1,2,3,4; Soccer 1,2,3,4

Cory Vandergrift

Vandergrift
March 24, 1991
128 Robin Ridge Drive
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
Soccer 1

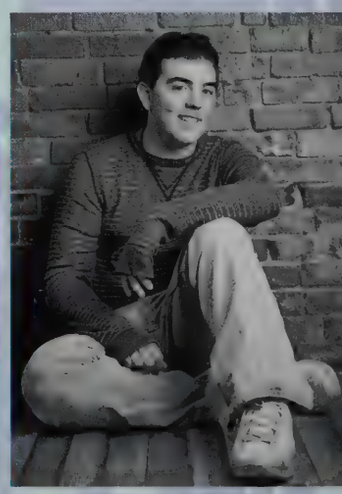
It's over. Thanks Mom, Dennis, and everyone else who helped me along the way. Thanks to all of my friends. Good luck Class of '09!

Paul Vecchiarelli

These last four years were fun. I'll admit that it's been kind of cool.

Paul
February 3, 1991
61 Rudby Road
Feeding Hills, MA 01030

Philip Vecchiarelli



PJ
March 27, 1991
205 Clover Hill Drive
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
NHS 3,4; SpNHS 3,4; BGC 1,2; Drama 3,4

Congratulations, Class of '09! Mom, Dad, and Nick, much love. Kevin, you're my best friend. I couldn't have done it without you. The rest, thanks for it all. Best of luck everyone! "No day but today."

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Amy Vermette

443 North Westfield Street
Feeding Hills, MA 01030

I guess the cliché is true; it really did go by way too fast! Kali and Angela, I love you guys! RIP Beaner. I miss you.

Jesse Vega

Four years come and gone so fast. Thanks Mom and Dad for everything. Good luck Class of '09!

March 28, 1991
Bball1,4

Nicole Waterman

Nikki
February 7, 1991
49 Roosevelt Avenue
Feeding Hills, MA 01030

Wow! We finally made it guys. Those four years flew. My friends got me through it all. Best of luck to everyone. Fly high Class of 2009! Sarah St. Germain, you are my life girlie!

Carin Wagner

These four years went by so fast! Mom and Dad, thanks for everything. Erik, three more years. Friends, thanks. You're the best! Mike, it's been fun! Good luck Class of '09!

May 8, 1991
22 Rising Street
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
Soccer 1; Bball 1, LAX 1,2,3,4; Track 2,3,4; AIM 1,2,3,4; Stud Gov Vice Pres. 3,4; Opus Bono Sec. 3,4

Joseph Wetmore

23 Halladay Drive
Feeding Hills, MA 01030

Faithful (*adj.*): steadfast in affection or allegiance

Josh Watson

Wow! It has been a crazy road! Mom and Dad, thanks for everything! You truly are the greatest! Jake, miss you bud! Good luck Class of '09!

Wats
August 7, 1990
75 Colton Place
Longmeadow, MA 01106

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Kaitlyn Weyant

Live. Love. Learn. Mom and family, thanks for all the support. I love you. Zach, you're incredible. Thanks for everything. Friends, so many great memories. I love you all. Good luck Class of 2009!

46 Hemlock Ridge
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
VBall 1,2; LAX 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2,3,4; Vice Pres.1 Pres. 2; Stud Gov 1,3,4; Key 3,4; NHS 3,4; Opus Bono 3,4; SpNHS 3,4; Peer Med 1,2,3,4; AIM 1,2,3,4

Ryan Wheeler

Wheeler
September 25, 1990
39 Lake View Circle
Agawam, MA 01001
Baseball 1,2,3,4; Soccer 2

Wow, four years went fast! Mom and Dad, thanks. Nick, Brandon, Lauren, and Andrew, good luck!

Allyson Wight

Thanks, Mom and Dad, for all the support. Good luck Class of '09! Live, laugh, and love!

Ally
March 1, 1991
75 Kanawha Avenue
Agawam, MA 01001

Kristopher Wilson

Kris, Primetime
September 17, 1991
61 Randall Street
Agawam, MA 01001
Wrest 1,2,3

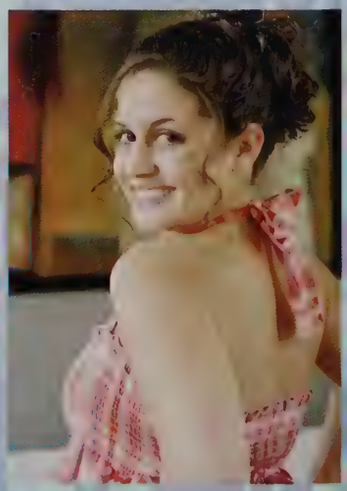
These four years have been fun. Good luck '09.

Bryan Wisk

I can't believe four years have gone by already. Thanks Mom, Dad, and Jen. I love you guys. Two more years, Jen. Good luck Class of 2009!

BWisk
February 10, 1990
102 Fordham Avenue
Feeding Hills, MA 01030

Emily Wojnarowicz



Em
February 25, 1990
84 Paul Revere Drive
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
Peer Lead 1,2,3, Pres. 4; Prom 4

Can you believe the school year is over? I can't! Well thanks, Jen, Jaleena, and Joe. You guys are the best! Mom and Gram, thanks for all the love and support. Class of '09, "Life is a garden; dig it."

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Alison Woods

Ali
October 31, 1990
109 Katherine Drive
Agawam, MA 01001

I got by with a little help from my friends.

James Wood

I was climbing the hills of Feeding Hills when I realized I was in need of some education. I came across the wizard, Andrew Michalah, and the lord, Andrew Matthews. They showed me the ways of a school boy.

Jimbo
May 31, 1991
29 Primrose Lane
Agawam, MA 01001
C Band 1,2,3,4; M Band 1,2,3,4

Daniel Zhupikov

Dan
April 15, 1991
100 Oak Lane
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
Ski Club 2,3,4; VBall 2,4

These were some quick four years. I would like to thank my parents for all the support and the lunch money. Veronica and Nick, only two more years. To all the teachers I have had, thank you.

Matthew Yelinek

I made it! I'd like to thank all those who believed in me. There were some bumps on the road, but I made it through. Good Luck Class of 2009 and work hard.

69 Tracy Drive
Agawam, MA 01001

A special thank you to Ms. Moriarty and Mrs. Weyant for being amazing class advisors. There is no way the Class of 2009 could have ever accomplished as much without you. From purchasing class apparel to collecting dues, helping with pep rally to organizing car washes, you both are the best advisors a class could ever ask for. Thank you.

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Laura Barker
Kaitlyn Chevalier
Jaclyn Davignon
Nicholas DeBiasio
Keshana Fairley
Brandon Fifield
Jonathan Fondakowski
William Gabel
Michael Gottardi
Maria Graziano
Stephen Heaton
Kimberly Kraft
Sean Land
Gage LaFlamme
Stephen Mallory
Brendan McKeever
Victoria McPherson
Christina Nasuti
Jonathan Picard
Joshua Reed
James Renaudette
Christopher Saunders
Joseph Sclafani
Zachary Shirley
Anthony Strycharz
Jacob Tryba
Karl Von Hollander
Christopher Wadsworth
Alan Woessner
Stephen Woessner
Joel Zabik

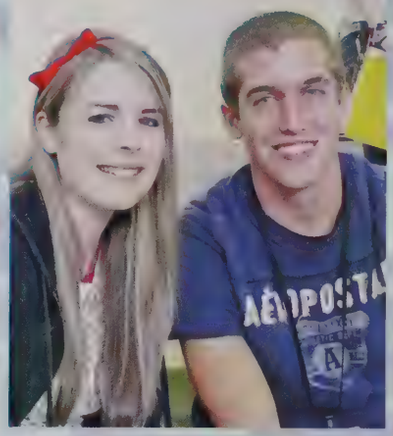
Class Will

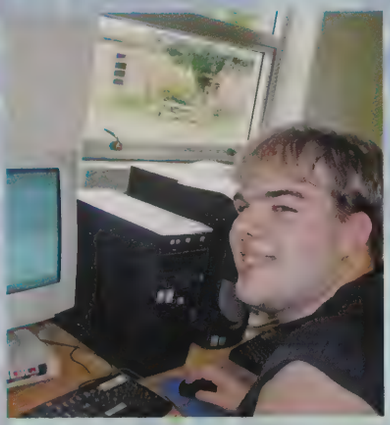
Brigette Barnhart

Brigette Barnhart isn't an ordinary teen. Within minutes of meeting this senior, you can tell that she is kind and has a great sense of humor. Outside of school she enjoys figure skating and presently works at a skating rink. But at school, her passions revolve around art and using her imagination. When asked why she liked art so much, she replied, "I like it because you get to use your imagination to create what you want." When I visited her art class with Mrs. Waters, she was painting a clay turtle she had made. She greeted me with a friendly smile. As a senior she had some advice to give to the younger students of Agawam High. "Don't slack off and keep your heads up." Though she is excited that this is her last year in school, she is also planning to go to college at Keene State for nutrition or dietetics.

I, **Emily Barlar**, leave Joel the grades he wishes he had. To the upcoming Barlar's, I pass down the reputation Murray left me.
I, **Brittany A. Beaudette**, leave four years of roaming these hallways to Lindz. Make them the best.
I, **Tyler J. Beaumier**, leave my ability to sleep through any lecture and maintain a B average to any student ready to risk it.
I, **Zachary Benoit**, leave the swim team to Dalton and Aaron, lane R to Zach and Mariesa, and AP Calc to anyone who dares to endure it.
I, **Amanda R. Bessette**, leave the robot in the hands of the robotics team, team rounds to the math team, fun times to my underclassmen friends, and six marvelous years to Billy.
I, **Heather Bishop**, leave Sam Charest an amazing senior year. I also leave locker 102 to some lucky freshman.
I, **Allison L. Black**, leave Ally our favorite freshmen.
I, **Chelsea L. Blanchard**, leave Morgan Lockwood "Bonzai!" and green to AVFH.
I, **Brie Bobecki**, leave my brother, Danny, one more crazy year!
I, **Austin F. Bodzioch**, leave the closed door of my own high school locker, hoping to open a new one in college. I also leave a year or two to some friends. Good luck to all!
I, **Alexandra M. Bonavita**, leave the hallways and long walks to Ashley Cross. I also leave Katie and Tori one more year. Make it the best ever.
I, **Nicole Bouley**, leave Sarah, Anna, Mariesa, and Dalton our parking spot. I also leave David two more years. Good luck!
I, **Brianne Nanck Brinkmann**, leave the Sachem in the hands of Brie and Morgan. Keep up the hard work! I also leave Danielle three more years, and Magical Mari two more years. Have fun!
I, **Lauren Brown**, leave Frazier the side and secret life. I leave Brie, Friendly's dinners, and Eric, three more years. Good luck! I also leave lacrosse much success in the future and #24.
I, **Jamie Buoniconti**, leave my brother, Steve, two years, cousin Joe, one year, and cousin Gino, three years.
I, **Danielle A. Burns**, leave locker 144 to upcoming students. However seemingly small, it works like a Mary Poppins bag. It accommodated everyone's books, plus more.
I, **Rachel M. Butt**, leave Sam, three years, and Tyler, four years. Good luck AGTVS, AGVB, and AGVSB. Have fun.
I, **Ronald Cabana Jr.**, leave my wisdom to Vinne Graziano, Tom King, Brit Duquette, plus all through on bus five.
I, **Lindsay M. Caroleo**, leave Kelsey, one more year, Caleigh, five more years, and Cait Frazier, more cleaning days with Mel.
I, **Megan Emily Chapman**, leave two more years to Kaitlyn and Taylor and many more amazing choreography classes to Ms. Funk.
I, **Brandon Chase**, leave the legacy of being the biggest Red Sox fan in the history of AHS, The Mirror, my Nose for News board, and to my wrestling brothers, a WMass Championship.
I, **Alisha Chechile**, leave the crazy stickers in my locker to the freshman that gets it next. Make sure you add some!
I, **Jamie L. Colburn**, leave eyes with pride to the band. I leave the decrepit diving board to Lauren and Aaron to wreak havoc upon, and anyone brave enough to use it.
I, **Scott William Colby Jr.**, leave Toto, Fru, and Kudlic Friday Night Lights, and one more year. To Cess, I leave the weight room!
I, **Eric Colon**, leave a thank you to my mom, and all my teachers who helped me.
I, **Jordan C. Colon**, leave the Mirror drama to Deepa and Heather. Good luck!
I, **Mason Conlon**, leave Kyle Craig my McDonald's cup.
I, **Karla Conte**, leave four amazing years to Taylor London and Mikey Vecc.
I, **Steven Costa**, leave my soccer jersey to the next great number six.
I, **Mike Cote**, leave my back bus seat to Kenny! Good luck.
I, **Michael J. Counos**, leave one more year to Douglas and his afro and rainbow hair. I also leave my hard legacy to follow to my brother and sister when they get to AHS.
I, **Kate P. Cristelli**, leave three more years to Kare. I also leave Yahtzee, and one more year to Rene. Good luck!
I, **Amanda M. Cuddemi**, leave my locker, #49, to any freshman, and Nick, two more years.
I, **Alexa Marie Michael Currado**, leave my old textbooks and my stickered locker to the underclassmen.
I, **Michelle P. Curtis**, leave AGVS many more pumped Fridays, pasta parties, and of course, fence laps. Good luck.
I, **Zachary S. Dawson**, leave my sister one more year, and any wrestler that Western Mass title.
I, **Victor DeCaro**, leave four years of good times to my little sister Nic at Southwick High.
I, **Angelo DePalma**, leave my good times to the crew.
I, **Amanda D. DeRose**, leave everything to my brother and sister who will be coming up to the high school soon.
I, **Sean P. DiSalvo**, leave my broken locker to Josh Mitchell.
I, **Joshua Doherty**, leave the Agawam Varsity Golf team to Connor and Anthony.
I, **Fedosiya Domnenko**, leave my locker to my bro. Also, I leave two more years of fun to Al. Good luck!
I, **Taryn A. Dooley**, leave Bria two more years. I also leave Dalton and AJ the team.
I, **Katelyn Doyle**, leave a time machine to the underclassmen to transport them to the end of senior year. Yeah, you wish!
I, **Mackenzie Doyle**, leave Taryn two more years, and AGVB many more sprints.
I, **Chris Drane**, leave my locker to Nick Weiss and Shawn Zaborowski. I also leave my baseball hat to Mrs. Conte and some good jokes to Mr. Janik.
I, **Megan C. Dupre**, leave my gymnastics leotards and skipping the salad to Lauren.
I, **Kerri Egan**, leave Lil' Billy three more years, and Colleen and Jess, a crazy senior year!

I, **Jaleena Enriquez**, leave all my friends that are still stuck here. I think that they can do it, Bria, Bri, Tara, and Romo.
I, **Justin Enriquez**, leave the #86 to the years to come with Big Brown, and two more years to Lani. Also, I leave the 155 weight class to Kris Carrington, if he's up for the challenge.
I, **Jacob Ferreira**, leave one more year to Dave, Joe, and Evan.
I, **Nicholas Ferreira**, leave one more year to Dave, Evan, Joe, and Hendricks. Have fun without us.
I, **Steven Fiedler**, leave the honey rink to Karl. I also leave three more years to Kim, and five more years to Zack.
I, **Benjamin Fish**, leave Emily, Steve Fleming, and Frank, my pride, Brie, my shame, and Abbey, my heart.
I, **Loradona Foley**, leave one more year of fun high school memories to Shannon, good times for Joey Z., and the best of luck to the class of 2010.
I, **Jonathan W. Forfa**, leave Marissa three more years without me to embarrass her.
I, **David N. Franco**, leave four more wonderful years to my sister.
I, **Joseph D. Frigo**, leave little Piggy to the lacrosse team, and my brother four years at AHS.
I, **Jacquelyn I. Gabriel**, leave my swimming lane to those who want it.
I, **Jacob W. Garfield**, leave two more years to Kristen, Jenny, and A.J. I also leave three more years to Jeffery.
I, **Sarah J. Gallagher**, leave nothing but good times with my friends, and AVC, a daily fence lap.
I, **Nikita García**, leave to all my sweeties the best of luck for years to come. I love you all.
I, **Denise Gates**, leave #10 to AVFH and AGVL. Good luck girls!
I, **Cori Geiger**, leave AVFH fun memories and campouts, and #4 to field hockey and lacrosse. Casey, you have four years to go. Make the best of it!
I, **Emily Gendron**, leave the memory of myself for all of you. Oh, and Sam, no making out with your girlfriends in the hall.
I, **Laken L. Gendron**, leave the volleyball team to the underclassmen. Don't forget to have your dance parties!
I, **Janais E Germain**, leave four years and my locker to my brother, Eli. Good luck to next year's freshmen!
I, **Evan Gilbert**, leave the end of the world to the Class of 2012.
I, **Kristin Gill**, leave two more years to Joe and one more to Andrew. I also leave the volleyball court to Jess and the underclassmen. Enjoy it while you still have it!
I, **Bianca Glass**, leave note taking to the teachers and my I.D. to the janitor.
I, **Carlos Gomez**, leave three more to Ant and one more year of Orange Dynasty to Santos. I also leave my AHS legacy up for grabs to whoever can fulfill it.
I, **Maryssa E. Gonet**, leave one more year to Gaby. Have fun!
I, **Matthew F. Graham**, leave the basketball team and my ladies to Conman. I also leave the high school to my brother and sister.
I, **Christina Hanke**, leave all of the drama associated with Agawam High, amazing memories, and #527 to its next victim.
I, **Taylor Hartmann**, leave AGVS many more fence laps. I leave Mari the soccer and softball field. I leave one more year to Mari and Cbs, and two more years to Jess.
I, **Jennifer Hensel**, leave one more year to Caity Simpson and two more years to Kelsey Venne and Alex King. Have fun, be bold, work hard, and make good choices.
I, **Dean M. Howard**, leave these words for all remaining and new students. My friends, enjoy school and make the most of it, because when it ends you'll miss it.
I, **Michael S. Iacolino**, leave locker #102 for life!
I, **Shelby L. Isbell**, leave my locker to the poor freshman that gets it next year. Good luck!
I, **Faith Johnson**, leave one lonely year without me to Gina.
I, **Robert W. Johnson III**, leave the hockey team another successful season.
I, **Whitney Johnson**, leave Britt two Whitney-less years! Love you forever.
I, **Katelynn M. Josefiak**, leave all my memories with my friends that will still be in school when we, the seniors, leave.
I, **Meghan Judd**, leave fence laps and progressives to AGVS. I leave Africa to Ms. Funk.
I, **Nikos Kalaitzidis**, leave my brother, Dimitri, three more years!
I, **Siobhan Keenan**, leave my party locker to Gill. Good luck the next four years. You'll need it!
I, **Kaitlyn Kellog**, leave one more wonderful year to Bri Janicki. Have fun girl.
I, **Jeen Up Kim**, leave all my laziness and accomplish something.
I, **William Krach**, leave the lacrosse team to any player that wants to make a difference and be the best.
I, **Liliya A. Krivolenko**, leave my locker with books and binders just for you, sis, and I leave you three more years.
I, **Brittany Irene Laflamme**, leave two more years of AHS to my brother. I also leave AVG to skip more salad, and Consolini's room to Roger.
I, **Matt LaFoe**, gladly leave the academics to Kyle. It's more your thing than mine!
I, **Collin S. Langlois**, leave three more years to my sister and her adopted siblings.
I, **Victoria Lynn L. Langone**, leave my brother Nick all the wonderful times he will have at AHS, and the slow underclassmen in the hallway!
I, **Brittany Michaela LaPlante**, leave my sparkles to the janitors! I also leave Africa to Ms. Funk to pass to all lovers of dance.
I, **Jeffrey L. LaZazzera**, leave my golf bag to Ant Vecc. I also leave one more year to Tommy, and a great high school experience to my brother, Chris.
I, **Brandon Allen Learned**, leave a Western Mass Championship to the 2009 Cross Country Team. Set your goals and go after them. Leave nothing left.
I, **Trevor C. E. Leathem**, leave my junior friends with senior rights, a full year to Kenny, shattered dreams to Scott, and "A How to Sing for Dummies" to Ron. Enjoy.
I, **Matthew Lemieux**, leave good luck to boy's soccer next year. Lian, Nitri, and Richie, good luck.
I, **Corinne Lewis**, leave three more years to Jimmy and Mari. I also leave the tennis courts to Ricki, Molly, and ball girl!
I, **Ryan Liebel**, leave to the younger Liebels the name that will redefine.
I, **Alexi Lovechio**, leave Jenna four fun filled years, and to AGVS, fence laps!



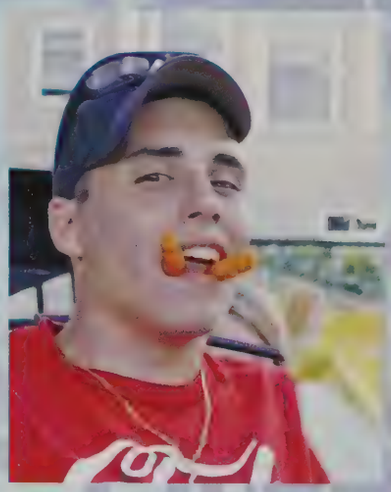


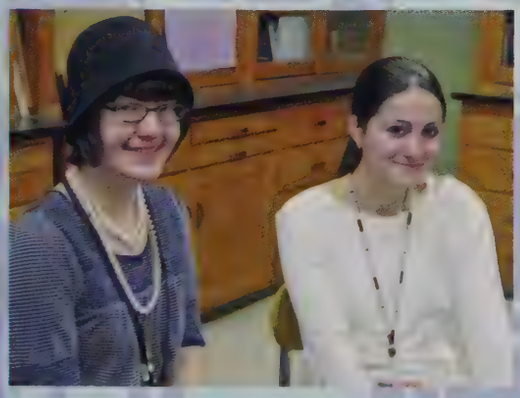
Dean Howard

In one word, senior Dean Howard is versatile. "I'm an all around kind of guy. Anything is fun for me." No truer words have been spoken. Not only is Dean involved in athletics (he's been on the track team for all four years of high school), but he's an active member in the community by being a member of Key Club. As if that wasn't enough, Dean is interested in programming computers and web design. He said, "I've been playing video games since I was two, so I think it would be cool to program video games." When asked about school, Dean says his favorite teacher is Ms. Sheehan because her classes are laid back and fun. He says she really listens to her students. He remembers one class where "everyone was laughing so hard, that half the class was in tears." Dean likes being a senior because he can reflect on his past four years in Agawam. He realizes that although most of him wants to leave, part of him wants to stay. Leaving AHS, he wants people to remember him for being more than what they expected.

I, **Frank Luvera III**, leave my empty locker to Brittany and two more years. I leave the janitor's closet to Ben and Abbey. I leave the corner of the auditorium to Brie.
I, **Kimberly Lynch**, leave this feather that may look worthless but it comes from afar and carries with it all my good intentions.
I, **Aleksandr Stepanovich Lyubezhanin**, leave my locker and gym shorts inside for Romen TJ. I also leave my I.D. card to Goose. Have fun you two.
I, **Liz MacFadzen**, leave the worst locker in the school to some unlucky freshman.
I, **Eric J. Macomber**, leave Tre with two more years. I leave Jen Wisk two years and courage to make it through high school. Steph Redmond, everything will unfold and workout wonderfully.
I, **Kevin R. Mallory**, leave one more year to Erin.
I, **Kathryn Malone**, leave one year free of road rage, yelling, and gestures during the morning/afternoon commute to my sister.
I, **Kevin Mangano**, leave my sticker-covered locker to whoever gets it next.
I, **Gena L. Mangiaratti**, leave the two-mile to the distance runner on the track team who draws the short straw. Good Luck.
I, **Mary Marcil**, leave everything to my Baby Grape.
I, **Abby Martin**, leave four years of memories to Devon. I leave the courts to Rikki ,Molly, and the ball girl!
I, **Jamie Martin**, leave the English hallway to everyone that stands in the middle of it.
I, **Daniel J. Masciotra**, leave two more years for Laura.
I, **Andrew R. Mattarazzo**, leave the soccer team to Anthony and Richie, and I leave my locker I had for two years, that some kid stole from me.
I, **Meghan B. McGuire**, leave four years of high school to Breezy. Live them up, love. I also leave two more years to my buddy Chris, and many lost papers to Santagate.
I, **Lilia A. Melnichuk**, leave three more years and my band locker to Ivanna, and one more year to David and Fatima!
I, **Abby Messick**, leave the remnants of my crushed spirit to Amanda. Bria can have three dollars.
I, **Emily Mias**, leave my sister, Marissa, three more fabulous years at AHS, and all of the future science interns, the prep storage room.
I, **Kamila E. Misiak**, leave all the future seniors lots of luck and good times. I also leave the Math Team to Alex.
I, **Angela Rose Misischia**, leave my locker #1034 and absolutely nothing else.
I, **Zachary Mongeau**, leave the intense science and math classes to upcoming daredevils and two more for Raus and Allie.
I, **Rebecca A. Montano**, leave Ant one more year, and Matt, three more. To Anne, Maxine, and Jenny, I leave Kirsten's track workouts and the amazing memories!
I, **Antonia C. L. Moore**, leave the band The Alphabet, Joe, Jumping Somebody's, and whatever other obnoxious exercise I ever made you do. I leave Mr. Hueglin and Mr. Bodurtha new things in common, and to Justin and Sam, I leave the encouragement to never give up on their kindness and thoughtfulness.
I, **Megan J. Moriarty**, leave my sister Paige three more unforgettable years, and Cait Fraiser cleaning memories with Mel.
I, **Devon P. Mozdzanowski**, leave you with but a memory of what I was at AHS, but more importantly, an individual. Underclassmen, be yourselves and nothing more, and whatever road you take in life, make it the right one.
I, **Ryan A. Muller**, leave a 2009 championship to the cross-country team, one more year to Karen, my locker to whoever gets it, and one more thing I'm mysteriously not mentioning.
I, **Haley N. Muzzy**, leave two more years to my brother Josh. Have fun, study hard!
I, **Pratiti D. Nakrani**, leave Pretti two more years and all the gum I stuck under the tables. I leave Becca Schnepp the triangle apartment.
I, **Vincent P. Nitri**, leave my locker and two more years to my brother Ant.
I, **Brendan S. O'Brien**, leave three years to my sister, Peyton, my friendship to Matt and Gabe, and my knowledge to the school.
I, **Timothy R. Olson**, leave my great memories of the boys on the field. I also leave my cleats, for there is a huge hole to fill with us leaving. For skiing, I also leave my boots for the boys to fill with the fun!
I, **Caitlin Paulin**, leave Mike and Kev an awesome senior year and my parking spot! Good luck and have fun next year! To AVV, AVIT and AGVL, I leave successful seasons next year!
I, **Nichole Pelletier**, leave one year to my sister, Carley, a main hallway locker to Jessica, and all my crazy memories to AHS.
I, **Russell Petrucci**, leave the volleyball team all I had. Also, all my underclassman friends, never cut ties. Good luck in your future. I love every one of you.
I, **Christopher Ryan Peucker**, leave my intelligence to the guidance department; I mean counseling center. I also leave the best of luck to the underclassmen with whatever new security measures start within the next three years.
I, **Shauna Phillips-Lamkins**, leave behind great and bad memories, my friend, my favorite teacher, and a new look at life starts now.
I, **Ashley A. Picard**, leave three years to Becca Dunlap. Have fun and enjoy it.
I, **Allison Plante**, leave six more years to my little brother. You're halfway there Alex. Have fun!
I, **Nick Planzo**, leave Karl a math tutor.
I, **Nicole S. Proulx**, leave four awesome years to my sister, Shannon. Make the most of them!
I, **Samantha M. Rafay**, leave one more crazy year to Colleen and Olga. Love you girls!
I, **Azra Rahman**, leave my awesome skills of adjusting to moving senior year and my sick dance moves and various foreign phrases to all my friends!
I, **Ethan J. Rheault**, leave four years of high school to my sister, Faith. To Karl, I leave my amazing ability to do math.
I, **Mike Rigali**, leave my legion to Joey Toto and Steve Johnson. I leave three years to Mario.
I, **Scott R. Riley**, leave Nick and Shawn two more good years! Good luck underclassmen.
I, **Allyson Ripke**, leave Megan my empty closet and no choice but to wear her own clothes everyday, as well as three more years at Agawam High School. Make the most of it!
I, **Victor Ronca**, leave Dom Serra my city, Rich Portfilio, my team, and Cian O' Sullivan, my ladies.
I, **Gabriela M. Rossi**, leave the throwers to the Busse's. Good luck next year.
I, **Jillian R. Roy**, leave Africa to Ms. Funk.
I, **Jacqueline Roundy**, leave my sister Emily, two more years. Enjoy life! Try not to cause too many shenanigans.
I, **Frank Sacco**, leave my football shower to Andrew " Piggy" Cayer.
I, **Michael Salvatore Saccomani**, leave success to the lacrosse team. Good luck next year to my brother, Anthony.

I, **Delanie M. Sapelli**, leave locker #1240, my shelves. To Tia and Chris, I leave two years, and to Cait Fraizer, many toilets!
I, **Andy Schnepp**, leave this school for anyone who wants to step up and do something extraordinary with their life. I also leave it for my cousin Becca, Lil' Nitri, Richie, and Luke. Have fun!
I, **Chante L. Segarra**, leave the school and books to the underclassmen, including my cousin, incoming freshman Anthony Moccia! Good luck Ant. Have fun!
I, **Anthony N. Settembre**, leave my little sister Nika two more hard and long years.
I, **Sam Sharkey**, leave Brittany Luvera seven purple butterflies, and Abbey Rose, a few green bananas. Jimmy gets nothing. Again.
I, **Khalid Shehemi**, leave my "tough cookies don't crumble" sticker to anyone that can hold the title.
I, **Kaitlyn Sherry**, leave my memories to the school so they will remember how a real AHS student has a good time.
I, **Regina Nicole Sibilia**, leave an awesome senior year and many fun memories to Heather Krassler. I also leave Courtney Rivest two more years and many fun times. To all the girls on varsity volleyball, I leave good luck and best wishes.
I, **Daniel Christopher Sole**, leave one more year and the SS hideout to Stef. I also leave the tenor section to whomever wants it most and lastly two more years to Matt. Good luck guys!
I, **Emily Sotolotto**, leave one very lucky underclassman my locker that is impossible to open. Have fun with that one!
I, **Sarah Ann St. Germain**, leave my broken orange locker to the poor freshman of the year 2013.
I, **Brittany H. Struck**, leave my locker untouched and in mint condition to the next lucky freshman.
I, **Alyssa Styckiewicz**, leave all the future science interns the wonderful prep storage room.
I, **Brittany Sullivan**, leave some good luck and memories to my friends in the Class of 2010. I love you guys! Have fun and enjoy while it lasts!
I, **Katelin Therrien**, leave locker number #1407 to the lucky freshman that gets it! Have fun.
I, **Chelsea Theroux**, leave one more year to Brittany Theroux and two to Jerry Seymour! Love you both! Good luck!
I, **Brittney Twohig**, leave Gaby one more year to rule the school, Stef, the gymnastics team, Lauren, the diving board, and my brothers, the rest!
I, **Jillian E. Van Ness**, leave Erin one more year here without me. Also, all my underclassmen buddies, have fun!
I, **Philip Joseph Vecchiarelli**, leave two more years and the drawer in Vecc's room to my brother, and the title Most Sarcastic to Mrs. Santagate.
I, **Jesse D. Vega**, leave my sister, Tiffany, three more years at Agawam High.
I, **Carin Wagner**, leave #8 to AGVL, and to Erik, I leave three more years.
I, **Nicole Waterman**, leave Daniel one more year, and Hali early mornings in the locker room.
I, **Josh F. Watson**, leave my smelly old gym shoes to Jacob Baskin. Also, I leave him two more years at AHS!
I, **Kaitlyn Weyant**, leave Catie Cosby two more years and my varsity lacrosse #16 uniform to whomever wants it!
I, **Bryan Wisk**, leave behind two more years at AHS and my locker to my sister, Jennifer. To everyone else, I leave behind good times and fond memories.
I, **Emily R. Wojnarowicz**, leave Jen my endless movie collection. I also leave Joe my beat up old car and to Jaleena, I leave my dancing shoes.
I, **James Wood**, leave all my instruments to the music department.
I, **Alison Nicole Woods**, leave Jess and Laura the school bus, because I'm not getting up early to drive you! Have fun!
I, **Daniel V. Zhupikov**, leave two more years for Veronica and Nick. I also leave my #13 volleyball jersey for the next great volleyball player.





What does Agawam's Senior Class prefer?

Pizza
54.47%
- or -
Pasta
45.53%

Pasta Tuesday
54.55%
- or -
Pretzel Thursday
45.45%

Chocolate
51.28%
- or -
Vanilla
48.72%

iPod
86.75%
- or -
MP3
13.25%

Snapple
50.64%
- or -
Vitamin Water
49.36%

Music
92.04%
- or -
Books
7.96%

Hamburgers
76.86%
- or -
Hot Dogs
23.14%

Red Sox
80.18%
- or -
Yankees
19.82%

Taco Bell
55.13%
- or -
McDonald's
44.87%

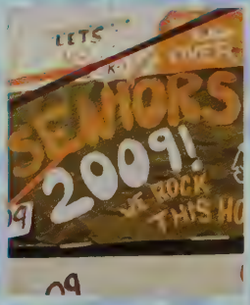
Sitcoms
60.53%
- or -
Reality TV
39.47%

Beaches
79.82%
- or -
Mountains
20.18%

Movies
70.39%
- or -
TV Shows
29.61%

Limewire
56.52%
- or -
iTunes
43.48%

Agawam
100%
- or -
West Side
0%



This or That

Skittles
54.27%
- or -
M&M's
47.73%

Coca-Cola
70.69%
- or -
Pepsi
29.31%

Funny Pictures
75.65%
- or -
Normal Pictures
24.35%

Pop
64.57%
- or -
Country
35.43%

Tattoo
53.60%
- or -
Piercing
46.40%

Rock
74.89%
- or -
Rap
25.11%

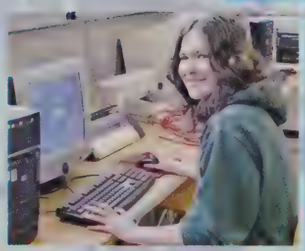
Dunkin' Donuts
78.22%
- or -
Starbucks
21.78%

Summer
81.03%
- or -
Winter
18.97%

Going Out
86.81%
- or -
Eating In
13.19%

Facebook
56.05%
- or -
MySpace
43.95%

MTV
65.02%
- or -
VH1
34.98%



Computers
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- or -
TV
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Guitar Hero
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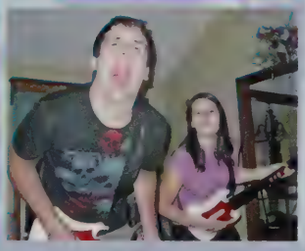
- or -
DDR
20.70%



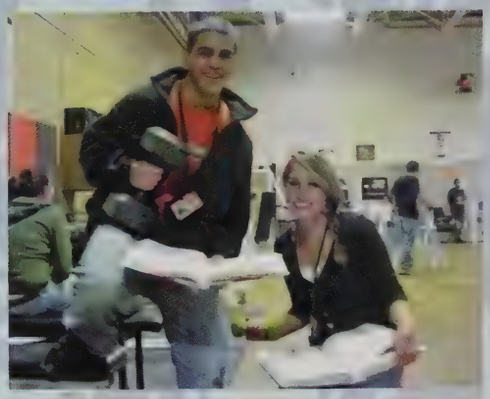
Comedy
77.78%
- or -
Horror
22.22%

Ballot

Most Likely To Suceed
Ryan Muller
&
Kamila Misiak

Class Clown
Tim Jendrysik
&
Faith Johnson

Best All Around
Steve Costa
&
Cori Geiger



Best Dressed
Victor DeCaro
&
Meghan McGuire

Broadway Bound
Phillip Vecchiarelli
&
Stephanie Kudlic

Class Picasso
Jessica Szczepanek
&
Garret Asselin

Class Musicians
Alycia Atkinson
&
Project Fatalist

Most Changed Since Junior High
Rebecca Montano
&
Steven Fiedler

Box

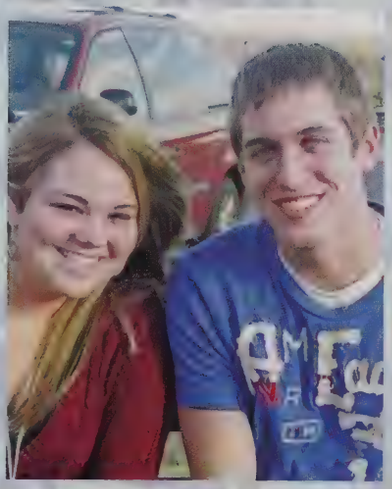
Class Couple
Kaitlyn Weyant
&
Zach Dawson

Best Friends
Boy/Girl
Matt Graham
&
Kristin Gill

Best Friends
Girl/Girl
Lindsay Caroleo
&
Delanie Sapelli

Best Friends
Boy/Boy
Ryan Liebel
&
Matt Rannenberg

Nicest Smile
Brandon Learned
&
Brittany Twohig



Class MVP
Taylor Hartmann
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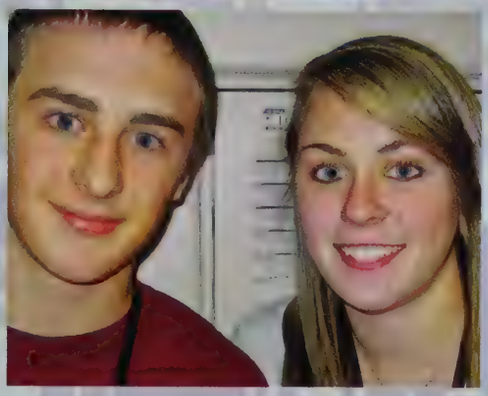
Andrew Schnepp

Nicest Eyes
Ally Ripke
&
Jon Gardner



Super Fan
Chelsea Blanchard
&
Andrew Mattarazzo

Favorite Songs:
I Kissed a Girl: Katey Perry &
All Summer Long: Kid Rock
Band/Group:
Dave Matthews Band
Hangout Spot:
Friend's House
Radio Statio: 95.7
Sports Team: Red Sox
Singer: Lil' Wayne
Color: Green
Store: America Eagle
Book: Twight
Day of the Week: Friday
Vacation Spot:
Cape Cod & Florida
Holiday: Christmas

Favorites

Food: Pizza

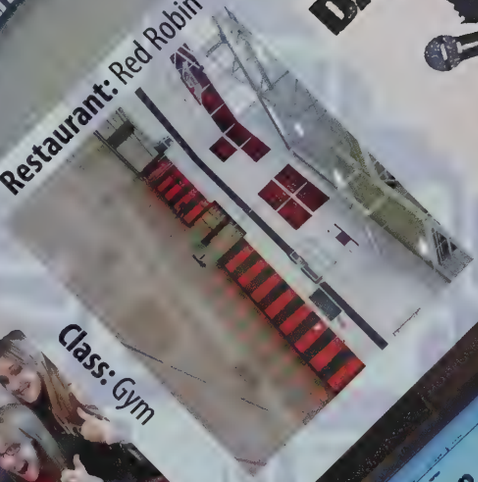
Candy: Reese's

Movie: Batman: The Dark Night

Restaurant: Red Robin

Comedian: Dane Cook

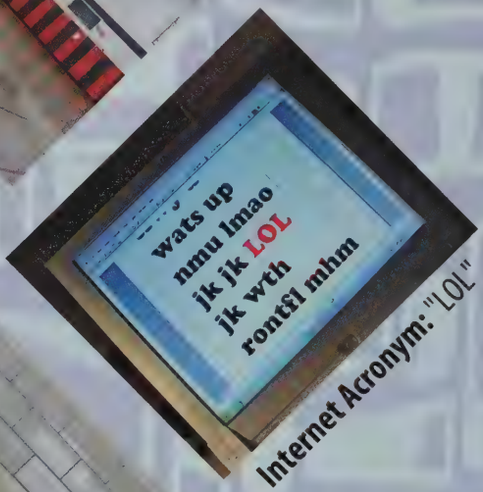
Lunch Food: Pasta



Class: Gym

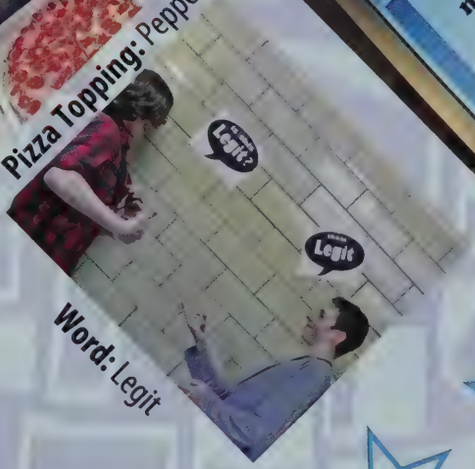
TV Show: Family Guy & That 70's Show

Pizza Topping: Pepperoni



Internet Acronym: "LOL"

Teacher: Mrs. Mouneimneh



Word: Legit

Summer 2008

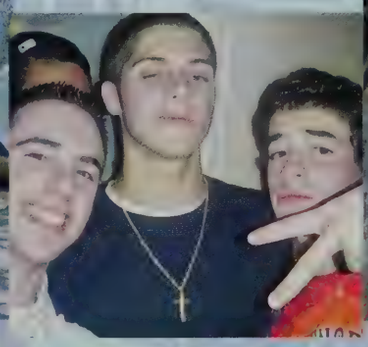
"Driving around with my friends until 4 o'clock in the morning everyday. What we've encountered those early mornings will create memories for a lifetime."
-Megan Chapman

"The wild summers at Hampton Ponds with Kate, and the hunt for bears and cougars."
-Kathryn Malone

"Beach trips to Misquamicut with friends and family."
-Brandon Chase

"My favorite memories of summer are the awesome trips I took with my friend Isa and waking up to go to swim practice at 6 A.M."
-Jamie Colburn

"My favorite summer memory was going to Rocky Neck Beach and taking pictures with a sand sculpture of a toilet."
-Kate Cristelli



"Leading an excursion through the woods down Provin Mountain at night."
-Brandon Learned

"Stargazing at Shea Field with two of my best friends, giggling the night away."
-Gabrielle Devenitch

"Going to Vermont with my best friends was one of the greatest times of my life."
-Ali Woods

"My favorite summer memory would have to be when I drove to the Cape with some friends and stayed at this house that was like two steps away from the beach."
-Taryn Dooley

"Singing annoying songs with my friends on the side of the road with traffic going by."
-Bianca Glass

What is your favorite memory of AHS and why?

"I did a cartwheel in the hallway when no one was around. It was liberating."
- Jen Hensel

"When Señora Sasso said, '¿Dónde está mi pistola?' to the poor little turkeys running outside."
- Corinne Lewis

If you could take one teacher with you through your journey in life, who would it be and why?

"Mr. Bodurtha, a.k.a. 'Durthquake.' I think you know why."
- Jonathan Forfa

"Mrs. Mo, because her witticisms and Kung-Fu grip of the English language will assist me in the future."
- Steven Fiedler

What was your favorite activity or sport at AHS and why?

"Power walking, because I love walking powerfully."
- Kevin Mangano

"Shakespeare Society, because I didn't feel like a nerd when I made a Shakespeare joke. People actually understood it."
- Mary Marcil

Question & Answer

If you were to give advice to a new student at AHS, what would it be?

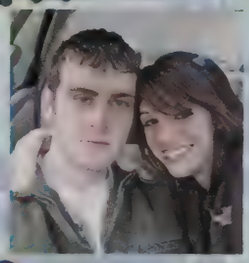
"Do not listen to the other students about the pool on the roof or Room 12; neither exist."
- Alexa Currado

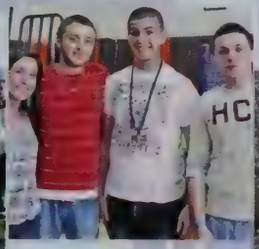
"Do everything right the first time and cherish all the memories. These are the years you will always remember."
- Abby Martin

"*That's Just the Way We Role* by the Jonas Brothers, because it's about being who you are and no one can change that."
- Stephanie Kudlic

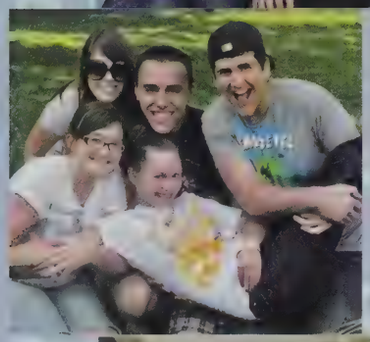
If you had to sum up your life with a song title what would it be and why?

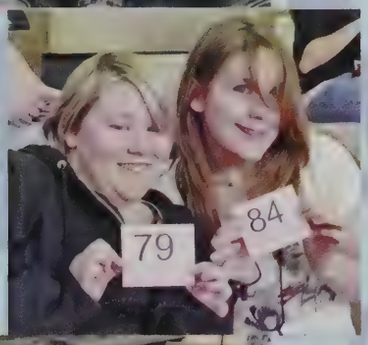
"*Pages* by There For Tomorrow, because life is constantly changing so you just have to live your life."
- Khalid Shehemi





Friendship





Friendship \'fren(d)-,ship\ noun

1) The state of being friends

2) Friendship is not a one way street that guides you when you walk.
Friendship is not a one way phone that tells you how to talk.
Friendship is not just a quick "hello" on the street as you pass along.
Friendship is a conversation; friendship is a song.

Sometimes it's loud, sometimes it's weak, and sometimes it's out of key.
But most of the time it's beautiful, and all of the time it's free.
It is not the price of an album in the record store down the street.
Friendship has a priceless value; it has a priceless beat.

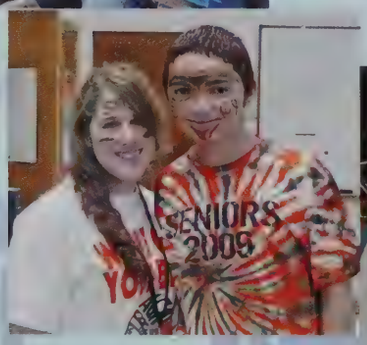
By lifting a spirit or sending a smile or keeping a secret at bay,
the song doesn't skip or stop or falter; the song is there to stay.
For friendship is not instructional; it is not a guided thing...
It awards you complete control when you speak or when you sing.

3) A bond existing between people who share a common interest or activity

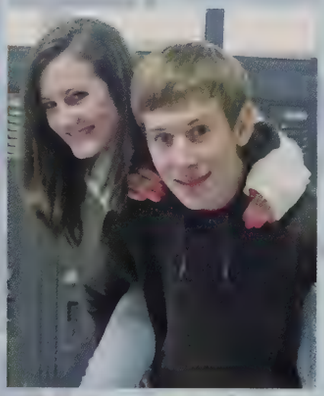
What is your definition of friendship?

"When you got each other's backs, no matter what."
- Russell Petrucci, Victor Ronca, Michael Aubrey, Tyler Alves, and Carlos Gomez

"When you spend a lot of time together and enjoy each other's company."
- Janais Germain



"When you're with that person, all of the memories are good ones."
- Frank Sacco



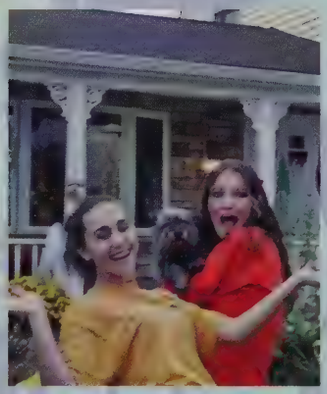
"It's a lot of love, complete faith, maybe some tears, and a lifetime of laughing that no one should go through life without knowing."
- Amy Vermette

"You're there for that person all of the time."
- Ethan Rheault

Whether you went to Clark, Granger, Phelps, or Robinson, attended Agawam Middle School or made your arrival to the junior high as a new student, childhood in Agawam was nothing short of memorable. Perhaps you attended Perry Lane Camp or had your birthday parties at the dearly missed Games and Lanes bowling alley. From dance class to baseball, the Class of '09 has been involved since the very beginning of our youth. Maybe we don't still have the same best friends we did in second grade, but it's very rare for a member of the Class of '09 not to recognize a fellow senior from our earlier days. We've all heard the familiar phrases: "I used to be in a Girl Scout troop with her," or perhaps, "we used to build forts and have snowball fights when we were little." Either way, the Class of '09 has always remained friends with each other, even when we started to grow up.

What was your favorite activity when you were younger?

"Playing silly games like freaks with Faith Johnson."
- Danielle Burns



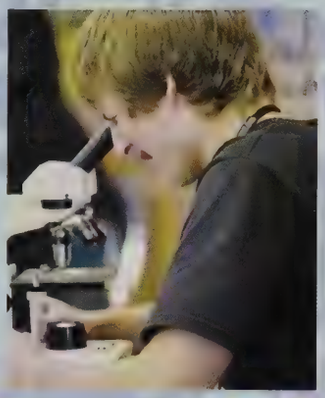
"Probably the same activities I like now... I still like bowling. "
- Nicole Proulx

Then & Now

Whether you're headed off to UMass, Westfield State, UCLA, or Boston College, joining the Army or traveling the world, our futures are coming, and they most definitely got here fast. High school went by quickly, and we have all grown so much as students and as people. We have grown out of our swimmies and training wheels and now we're getting ready to get college textbooks and enter independence. Instead of Barbies and Tonkas, we have our cell phones and computers. Pokémon? Try America's Next Top Model or Lost. Friends, whether new or old, are still cherished incalculably. We may have grown up and our interests may have changed, but part of us remains the six-year-old with the Popsicle face.

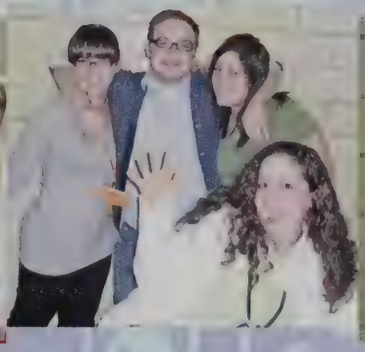
What do you miss most about your childhood?

"I miss swinging on my swing set and falling into a pile of wood chips."
- Alex Koulgeorge



"The simplicity of it."
- Emily Barlar

"Crayons and Play-doh!"
- Victoria Carestia



Juniors

Left to Right:

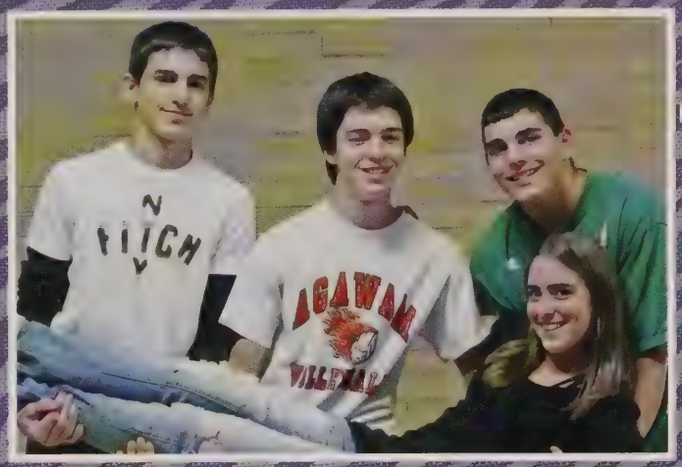
Secretary: Adam Howe

Treasurer: Elizabeth Gloster

President: Maxine Dudek

Vice President: Kathleen Kraus

Sophomores



Left to Right:

Vice President: Christopher Lombardi

Treasurer: Samuel Gendron

Secretary: Nicholas Vecchiarelli

President: Courtney Rivest

Freshmen

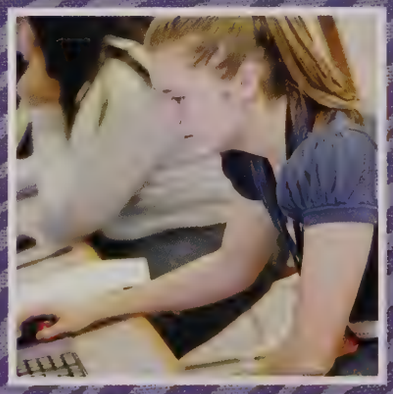
Left to Right:

Treasurer: Dillon Cecchi

Vice President: Jillian Newton

Secretary: Allison McCluskey

President: Timothy Provost



UNDERCLASSMEN

The underclassmen years in high school are some of the most important years in a person's life. From the building of your college resumé, to making new friends, to discovering new subjects- things happen quickly in high school, as you realize along the way. Dream jobs change monthly and first priorities one month are suddenly last the next. Either way, the underclassmen experience at AHS is one of the best. There are plenty of clubs and activities to get involved in, not to mention sports and events. Winning pep rally against the Seniors is bound to get any underclassmen pumped up for their class. When the Seniors leave in May, the Juniors can't help but get excited for the next year. Class-sponsored dances, field trips, and karaoke parties- these are just some of the things that bring pride to the underclassmen of Agawam High.

Students stroll the halls of AHS with ID's in hand.

Another student is hard at work on a project in Technical Education.

Working out in the gym is a favorite activity in Physical Education.

Preparing quesadillas in First Foods is a fun experience for all.

Walking with friends in the hallways is a quick pick-me-up in between classes.

Science wouldn't be the same without experiments!

JUNIORS

JA JUNG IM

Agawam High school junior, Ja Jung Im, is an explorer of the technical and complex world of web design. For hobbies, Ja Jung finds himself engrossed in the process of designing his own web pages. He views his interests humbly, saying "Well, every kid is interested in computers." Ja Jung says that he could see himself as a web designer as a full time profession. Computers has even become a common thread between himself and his friends.

Ja Jung enjoys hanging out with friends while balancing a challenging academic course load. He takes Honors Chemistry, English, and even Advanced Placement Calculus. Although math is not his favorite, this technically gifted adolescent finds that it comes easy to him. His favorite subject is actually history, and it is mostly due to the positive impact of former Agawam teacher, Mr. Bianca. Ja Jung says that he learned so much from Mr. Bianca, and he was a great teacher.

Teachers can have a large influence on any student's life but it is one's family that makes every person unique. Ja Jung and his family moved to the United States from Korea when he was only in fourth grade. He currently resides in Agawam with his parents and two sisters and plans on staying for a while.

Leadership (*n*): art of motivating a group of people to act towards achieving a common goal.

Laura Lester
Jennifer Costigan
Alexander Caswell
Matthew Cassie
Andrew Cauve
Joseph Cercone
Samantha Chatest
Nathaniel Chartier
Brittney Chechile
Victor Chicken
Ashley Chidola
Michael Coachi
Joseph Coomaraswamy
Christopher Copeland
Jamie Cornwell
Kyle Crilly
Brent Crocker
Ashley Cross
Miranda Cumming
James Cunningham
Aaron Cushing
Julia Czyszewicz
Mishka Dadayeva
Sarah Dagle
Joseph D'Agostino
Alice Dai
Taylor Dawson
Kimberly Decorteau
Jonell Delgado
Giani DePalma
Deepa Desai
Tina Desai
Michael Desjardins
Tyler Devine
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Ashley Dziamo
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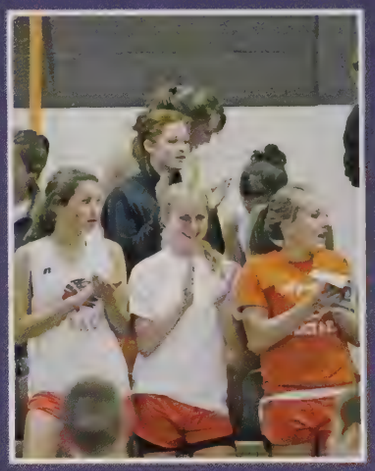
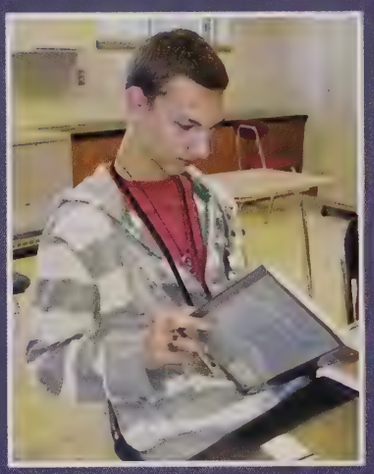
Danielle Dulac
Maxine Dudek
Brittany Dumoulin
Carole Dumoulin





Preparation (*n*): A preliminary measure that serves to make ready for something.

ALICE DAO

One student here at Agawam High is fluent in two different languages. Alice Dao was brought up speaking English and Vietnamese. However, her interest in language has also led her to study Spanish. Because Alice was raised understanding more than one language, Spanish comes very easily to her. To add to the list of tongues that Alice knows, there is also Chinese. She loves anime, which may be the reason behind her knowledge of the Chinese language.

Alice loves to spend her time socializing and discussing anime with her friends. She is part of the Japanese Club, As Schools Match Wits, Key Club, Peer Tutoring, and S.A.V.E.

She is certainly a diamond in the rough here at AHS. Alice has a wide variety of interests and friends. She is known as the "Crazy Asian" among her peers and loves the fact that she is different and doesn't blend in with the crowd. With her upbeat personality and incredible drive to succeed, Alice will certainly go far after high school. She aspires to study medicine in or around Boston. However, so as to not jump the gun, Alice says she can't wait for her senior year. She is excited to "torment the new freshmen but still make new friends."

Yelizabeta Beauheyko

Tyler Beerton

Alexander Binzin

Anthony Blackworth

Samantha Evans

Joseph Farwell

Victoria Doody

Antonio Ferrantino

Nathaniel Field

Katherine Fife

Joshua Fisher

Jacob Fogg

Shannon Foley

Jarrett Fundarowski

John Forgette

Ashley Fortier

Timothy Fourcier

Paul Frieau

Taryn Frazier

Caitlin Frazier

Jessica Friedrich

Kevin Frutchey

Alyssa Fuente

Kara Fuller

Michael Gardiacello

Stephanie Gay

Catherine Geoffrion

Heather Gildens

Keith Gwozdowski

Nicholas Gjerlo

Elizabeth Glaster

Joshua Goggin

Gabriele Gouci

Erik Goodhue

Nicholas Gould

Gino Grimaldi

Charles Haggerty II

Rebecca Hall

Jessica Harrisson

Ryan Hastings

JR Helfron

Kyle Hendricks

CLASS OF 2010

Gisely Hernandez

Kimberly Hitchcock

Ginger Hoale

Bradam Howard

Adam Howe

Melissa Hryniewicz

Ruvim Hussainli

Gina Iannuzzi

Ja Jung Ja

Rebecca Ingrassbato

James Ivanov

Brianna Jancki

Sara Jensen

Kathleen Jerzensen

Jean Joannides

Stephen Johnson

Alexander Jones

Danielle Jones

Valerie Jones

Briana Kalpolites

Jennifer Kearns

Olga Kurcha

Kyle Keeley

Samantha Kelleher

Jackie Kelly

Stephen Kent

Colleen Kirul

Kathryn King

Adam Kongan

Steven Klimczak

Alexis Lanuyes

Kathleen Lanas

Heather Kraesler

John Lalor

Stefanie Lallemme

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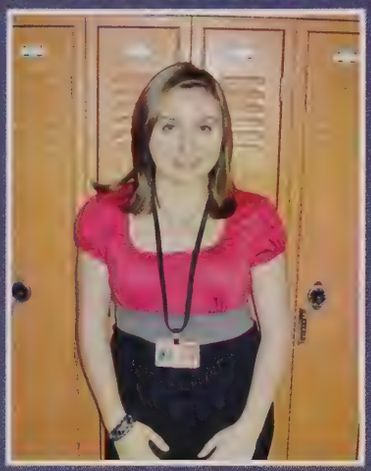
JUNIORS

KAREN MULLER



One would not disagree that Karen Muller, a member of the class of 2010, has an exceedingly interesting life. Last summer she participated in a triathlon with her mom and brother, where they canoed a distance of five miles. Her team finished in 238th place out of 450 teams that partook in the event. If she had to describe herself in one word, it would be "creative."

Karen's favorite subject in school is AP English 11. She finds it to be very interesting and really enjoys writing. When she grows up she hopes of becoming an English teacher, journalist, or work for an advertising agency. At Agawam High School, Karen is involved in the tennis program and peer mediation. She also plans on performing in Top 40 and has been playing the guitar for seven years.

One place you'll never find Karen is at an amusement park. "Thrill rides freak me out completely," she confesses. Among the things she loves is shopping. She listens to Taking Back Sunday, The Academy Is, The Cars, and Boston. A fascinating fact about her is that she is against eating red meat and hasn't touched it her whole life. However, Karen is unable to control her appetite when it comes to her favorite food on earth, crunchy pretzels.

Morgan Lockwood

Christopher Lucia

Lomar Luberhuntin

Lerit Mackin

Briana Maggi

Zachary Malad

Lisa Mallory

Mary Malone

Kyle Mans

Kelly Martin

Nikolai Martin

Nicholas Martin

Abbey Marsaro

Anna Mattys

Cassandra Maynard

Garrett Maynard

Deanna Mccool

Kara Mccormick

Brandon McElhiatt

Robert McGeorgian

Daniel McKenney

Sean Meade

David Melnichuk

Evan Menard

Teri Mercado

Michael Meunier

Tiffany Meyer

Dakota Mick

Cara Miller

Brittany Montanez

Anthony Montanez

Scott Morace

Nicholas Morasse

Amanda Morin

Cody Morin

Ryan Mulkern

Karen Muller

Paul Munnerlyn

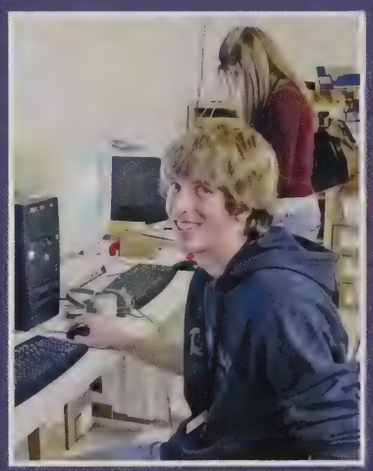
Donald Nagy

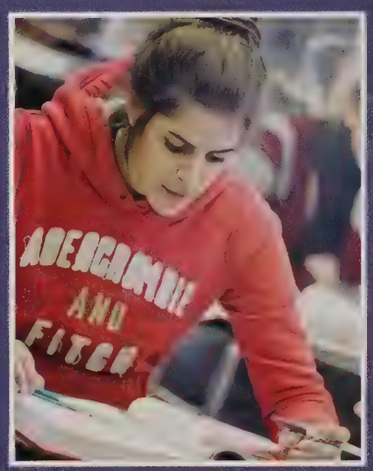
Brianna Nemeth

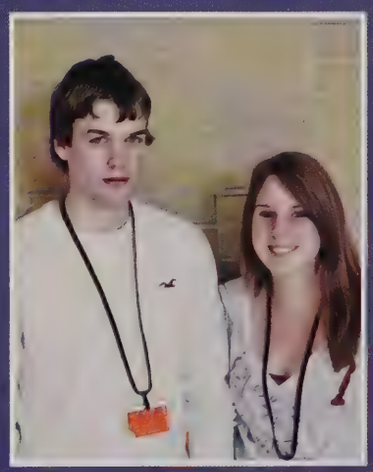
Briana Newton

Jessica Niles

SAT (*n*): A trademark used for a set of standardized college entrance examinations.







MEGAN PHILLIPS

Megan Phillips, a junior at Agawam High School, constantly catches herself day dreaming about living in California. During the summer, Megan spends most of her times soaking up some sun on the beaches of New England. In the future, Megan plans to go to school in California and eventually end up living there.

When asked about what she looks forward to most next year she says she just wants to be done with school so she can start a new adventurous life in another place. Megan hasn't put much thought to what she wants to pursue in the near future, but she feels she has plenty of time to figure it out.

In school, Megan's favorite class is psychology with Mr. Daley. She is one of the leaders in the diversity leadership group. Megan likes to spend her time learning how she can help others and how to better her community. She enjoys helping to plan the Day of Silence and other club activities throughout the year with her friends. She has been dancing for ten years at the Academy of Artistic Visual Performance and enjoys every minute of it. When Megan finally leaves Agawam High School, she said she wants to be remembered as an adventurous individual.

Advancement *(n)*: gradual improvement or growth and development.

CLASS OF 2010

Lauren Weiner

Anton Wells

Nicole Whittemore

Melissa Winiszak

Mikala Wormuth-Krause

Justin Wright

Ray Wrobel

Conor Wytrych

Oleg Yermakov

Joseph Zelko

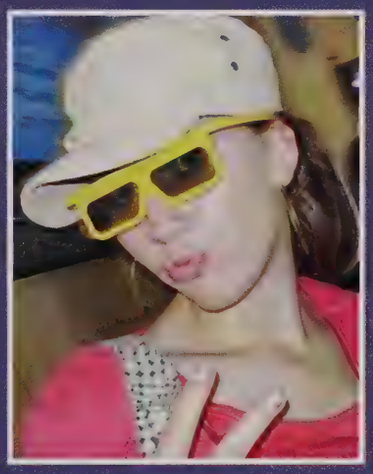
Krzysztof Zemka

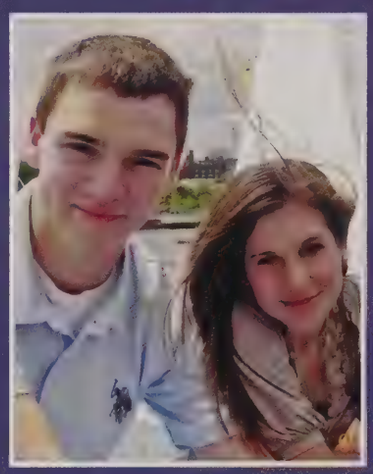
Justin Zienciuk

Byron Zim

On May 24, 2008, over 75 members of the junior class and their guests boarded motor coaches for a special day in Boston. Once the group arrived at the World Trade Center, the students were given a little time to stretch their legs, before boarding the Spirit of Boston for a cruise on Boston Harbor, complete with a buffet lunch and dancing. Following lunch students were surprised by Mr. Trahan with the option of going to the IMAX theater at the New England Aquarium. The remainder of the day was spent at Quincy Market, where students could shop for a while and sample the many tasty foods available in the food court and restaurants. Students returned to the high school exhausted, but excited about plans for the 2009 class trip to Martha's Vineyard scheduled for Saturday, May 16th.

2008 CLASS TRIP: A BOSTON HARBOR CRUISE





SOPHOMORES

MIA GHEDI

Have we found the next Rachel Ray? Mia Ghedi, a sophomore at Agawam High School, has dreams of one day pursuing a career in culinary arts and it is starting here at our school. While at AHS, she has been taking many advanced math courses in order to help her with her dream in succeeding in the culinary world. Mia is currently taking Geometry Honors and says she is really enjoying the class.

Mia's favorite subject in school is math because she likes the challenge of the subject and problem solving. Applying her knowledge of units, measurements, and converting skills, Mia states math has helped her with her cooking.

Every chance she gets Mia is behind the counter, stove, or oven making something different. She likes to try new things and form new recipes, but her favorite is lasagna. Although it is a long and difficult process, Mia still loves to make her favorite dish. Italian, anyone?

Daniel Alexiggiani

Eridanta Alemeri

Amy Alaniwi

Sean Alessandri

Taylor Allen

Alex Andriass

Megan Asselin

No Photo
Austin Avco

Gregiana Baker

Nicol Barker

Denise Barele

Jacob Baskin

Matthew Bassette

Corey Beaudoin

Mycal Beaux

Brian Benson

Veronica Berezniko

Kayla Bertrand

Lestaye Bihomgan

Michael Billick

Justin Bishop

Corey Black

Jeremy Blood

Thomas Boisari

Justin Bonsavit

Emili Borchiller

Mitchell Borlin

Amber Brainerd

Roger Braso

Stephen Brocoum

Jessica Burkawitz

Alli Burlingham

Gabriella Cafferesi

Julia Callahan

Vanessa Capolincelli

Gina Caresse

Dominic Carradero

Robert Carter

Travis Carter

Brandon Case

Manuela Castellon Alcharton

Mary Cavallo

PSAT (*n*): a trademark for a standardized test taken by high school students in the United States to prepare for the SAT and qualify for National Merit Scholarships.

Myuyi Chenyeen

Kevin Clevalos

Alanna Christofori

Marco Cortez

Christopher Cullitt

Jessica Colson

Rachel Cerullone

Jesse Coplin

Meghan Curran

Kristina Curley

Nicholas Cutruler

Daniel Cocisch

Catherine Cushy

Timothy Cesenzi

Meghan Costello

Felicia Cotrell

Raymond Coughlin III

Taylor Crutter

John Cowell

Tyler Crutters

April Daglio

Carlos Dalak

Kristina D'Amours

Dennapie Dasilva

Ashley Dill

Timothy Dean

Nicholas Delum

Zachary Denson

Nicholas Despres

Brittany Dischey

Thaddeus Dolek

Aleksei Dolmienko

Dria Donley

Taryn Doyle

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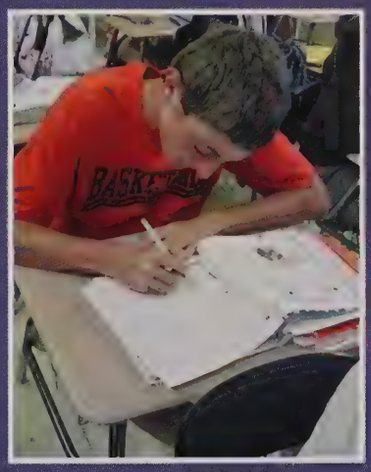
Shayon Ennis



JACOB BASKIN

Sophomore Jacob Baskin is a confident student at Agawam High School. His favorite day of the week is Friday, because school's almost over and he has the weekend to hang out with his friends. However, during school, Jacob's favorite class is English with Ms. DiStefano, and his favorite school lunch is the delicious popcorn chicken entree.

Freshmen year he was on the junior varsity hockey team, and this year he was excited about making JV again with the promise of being pulled up to varsity. Hockey is Jacob's favorite sport because it's "fun and enjoyable," and he's played since he was five. He started his hockey career playing for Bay West with a coach who was an ex-professional hockey player.

In the future, Jacob hopes to become a general contractor or mechanic. He decided this a while ago, and was greatly inspired by his brother, Craig, who owns the contracting company, Baskin Builders. With a bright future ahead of him, Jacob's years at AHS will surely be pleasant.

Focus (*n*): the concentration of attention or energy on something.

CLASS OF 2011

Alexandra Hontinger | Patrick Hoya | Amy Hrynkiewicz | Micky Hulse | Samantha Hunter | Alfred Huschle

Lorane Ielmini | Danielle Incardona | Michael Jacobs | Steven Jeffersen | Nicole Jeffries | Nicole Johnson

Jeremy Johnston | Stephanie Karrasch | Colleen Keefe | Colleen Kilker | Jessica Kerkin | Jeeyeune Kim

Alexander King | Thomas King | Daniel Kouloni | Nikolay Korniyenko | Ivo Korotich | Michael Kuiper

Dwight Kumbsorge | Tatiana Lavolenko | Jordan Kuser | Ryan LaBonte | Stephen LaBonte | Kenneth LaBrecque

Shane LaGiral | Lauren Lagac | Andrew LaMotte | Jacob LaPointe | Rayann Lawinski | Colleen Lathrop

Daniel Lathrop | Joseph Laviano | Ashton LeClair | Alan Leclerc | Jacob Leban | Michele Lemieux

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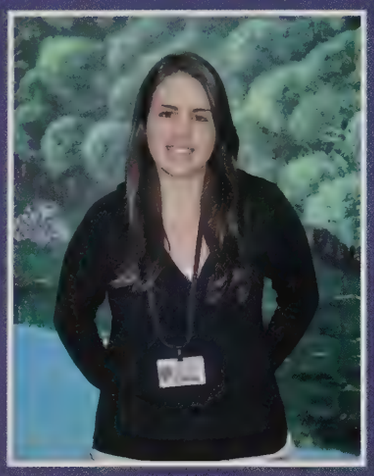
MANUELA CASTRILLON



Born in Columbia, Manuela Castrillion Atehortua had an overwhelming and extraordinary time coming to America. She first arrived on American soil when she was only eight years old. She spoke not a word of English, and this was the greatest difficulty she has faced as an immigrant to this country. In her senior year of high school she will be eligible to apply for citizenship to the United States of America.

This determined young woman loves to play tennis on the junior varsity squad, and has aspirations of getting a spot on Varsity. Another one of her hobbies is shopping at the mall with her friends and hangout at their favorite spot, Panera Bread. She also loves reading in her spare time. Her favorite series to read is The It Girl.

Manuela is also involved in a few after school activities such as Key Club and Peer Leadership. While in school she excels at her two favorite subjects, Italian and Social Studies. Her favorite teacher in the high school is Señor Orefice. She loves how he is always so full of energy, and his singing is exquisite, especially in Italian.

Alexandria Lester

Mary Lewis

Trevor Littlefield

Christopher Lombardi

Jacob Longardi

Connor Long

Shanna Longlo

Karen Lopinus

Rebecca Lough

Thomas Longman

Anthony Lucci

Michael Luginbuhl

Alexis Lutcker

Brittany Lyczka

Michael Lyons

Cynthia Macaulay

Lia Mamaulicht

Michael Mangan

Hayley Mardlin

Brian Marfell

Lesley Martin

Michael Martinelli

Laura Martinez

Marissa Masi

Matthew Matson

Thomas Mattoni

Kate Mee

Lauren Mazzei

Melissa McNeil

Brittany Mendrine

Gregory Mergoni

Nicholas Merriman

Amanda Meskel

Kathryn Meyrick

Anthony Mezzetti

Carly Michel

Benjamin Miller

Joshua Mitchell

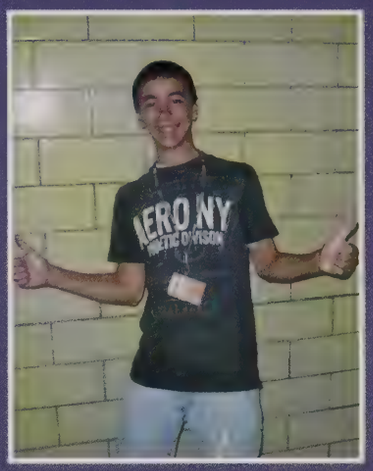
Thomas Moore

Veronica Moselli

Marissa Morrow

Brian Morrissey

Sweet Sixteen *(n)*: type of scaled down debut, or coming out party, for young women that reach the age of sixteen years.



Underclassmen

Learner's Permit *(n)*: a document authorizing the bearer to learn how to drive an automobile.

MATTHEW PERRY

"I'd say I'm pretty lazy," claims the three season track runner, Matt Perry. Yet, despite his skepticism, there isn't much Matt can't do. This student runs cross country in the fall and distance in the winter and spring. Perry was proud to say that he ran his best race in the PVIAC meet last year during cross country.

Matt gets pumped for his races by blasting his music. However, Kanye West and Kenny Chesney don't cut it for this rocker. He refuses to listen to anything modern. Matt insisted that he's more of a Led Zeppelin and Rolling Stones kind of guy. This might be why he spent several hours over the summer pumping beats on Rock Band.

Music and running aren't all Matt is about though. He has a down to earth side to him too. Matt likes to chill at his uncle's house in New Hampshire and reel in a few fish. While in school, he enjoys challenging himself in his math classes. This rockin', mathematical, running fisherman seems to love his life at Agawam High and can't wait to see what his future holds.

CLASS OF 2011

Sarah Tasker

Douglas Tedford

Nicholas Tetlow

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Kevin Tighe

Jessica Tschumper

Pavel Vasyukevich

Anthony Vatourakis

Anthony Vecchiarelli

Michael Vecchiarelli

Charles Vecchione

Ana Velez

Kristal Vicente

Corey Vincent

Douglas Vow

Anthony Wallace

Anastasiy Walko

Tammy Ward

Nicholas Weir

Cory Welch

Kevin Wheeler

Cory Williams

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Shawn Zaborowski

Alyssa Zemlet

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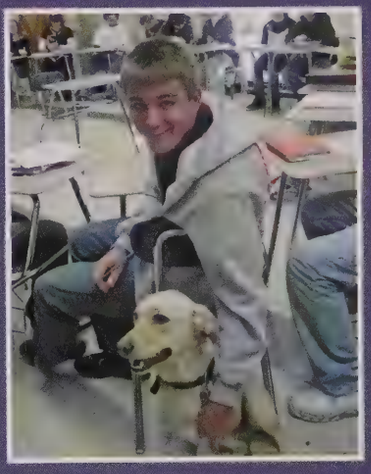
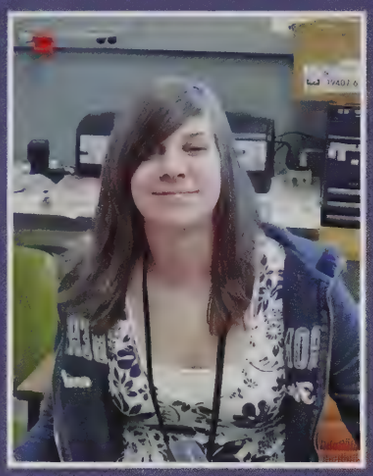


FRESHMEN

REBECCA FONDAKOWSKI



Growing up with two older siblings can affect the way a person develops interests and plans as they grow up. For Rebecca Fondakowski, her two older brothers had quite the influence on her, causing her to become a football fan at a very young age. She was so obsessed with the sport that, against all odds, she decided to play in the Agawam Youth Football League. Now, five years later, Rebecca continues to play football as a freshman in high school.

Going into her first year at AHS, Rebecca was positive that she wanted to continue playing football. Rebecca can be seen playing half back and linebacker on the junior varsity team. She is very proud to wear the lucky number seven on the playing field. This coming spring, she plans to try out for the softball team. She isn't yet involved in any school clubs, but does, "hope to join some soon in the future." Her favorite subject in school is math, and the prospect of joining the Coast Guard after high school is very appealing and exciting to this female football player.

Enthusiasm (*n*): Great excitement for or interest in a subject or cause

Anna-Li Burton

Alita Bosco

Carly Bussmann

Lenesia Buffalo

Samantha Bull

Luke Cabana

Malik Carter

Caelan Carter

Kelsie Cartwright

Ashley Casson

Tarisa Cayer

Nicholas Cecarini

Bilyn Cecchi

Matthew Chidean

Danielle Circotta

Sean Clark

Benjamin Clayton

Sean Coache

Daniel Colson

Green Connaughton

Jacob Conway

Leah Conway

Stacey Coogan

Tatyana Cooley

Ariana Cooper

Michael Costello

Tyler Couture

William Cotrone

Tyler Craghill

Courtney Crego

Michael Crothia

Jessica Crohan

Brittany Cross

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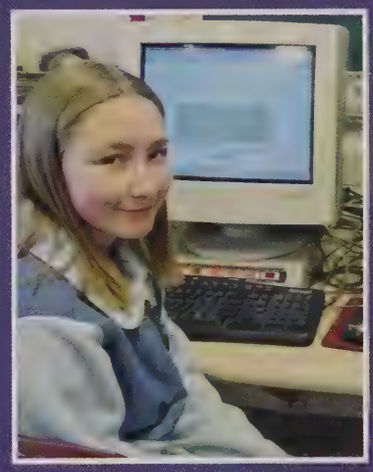
Nicholas D'Amours



LEAH BURNS

Fourteen-year-old spider fearing AHS student, Leah Burns, is more than just your average girl. She not only enjoys math class with her favorite teacher, Mr. Consolini, but this freshman also likes shopping and loves Orange and Brown Day. She has many hobbies outside of school such as singing, dancing, and playing basketball.

Dance is in her soul, for sure. She has been dancing for the Academy of Artistic Performance for the past eleven years: a pretty impressive feat considering her age. At the Academy, she takes classes in tap, ballet, and hip hop. Leah also plans to take choreography with Ms. Funk in her upcoming years at AHS.

While Leah may have a lot of experience in dancing, her true love is singing. She plans to try out for Agawam Spotlight. She has sung on stage multiple times, including the Sugar Shoppe's Open Mic Night, and her greatest achievement was singing at her dance recital. This big dreamer plans to pursue a professional career in singing. Agawam High wishes you good luck in your conquest for a Grammy, Leah!

Fresh *(adj)*: New to one's experience; not encountered before.

CLASS OF 2012

Jeffrey Garfield

Tyler Gauthier

Dominique Gaudini

Kayla Gibson

Tyler Grant

Lucas Giusto

Hannah Goldman

Heather Gonneau

Christopher Gonzalez

Jacob Gouveia

Kaley Grimm

Duncan Gray

Jaclyn Gregoire

Thomas Guest

Megan Gumund

Lauren Habib

Betti Haggerty

Jamie Hale

Emily Hall

Carolyn Hamel

Zachary Hancock

Austin Harpin

Dylan Harpin

Gregory Harris

Spencer Harris

Erika Hayden

Caitlin Hein

Kayla Hence

Sergio Hernandez

Alex Hersey

Ashley Higgins

Anthony Hollywood

Tyler Holmes

Eric-Alex Holt

Brittany Houghton

Nicole Houston

Samantha Howe

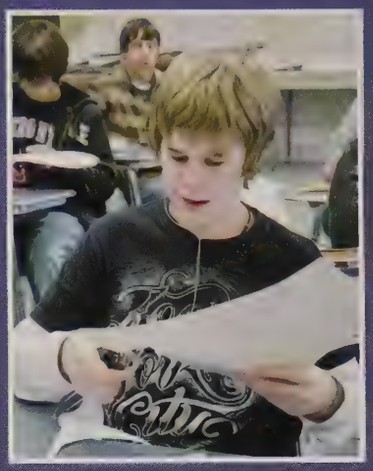
William Howe

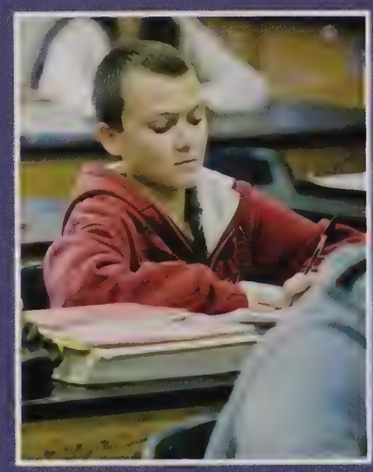
Todd Hundley

Brianna Hurley

Himyra Huszinava

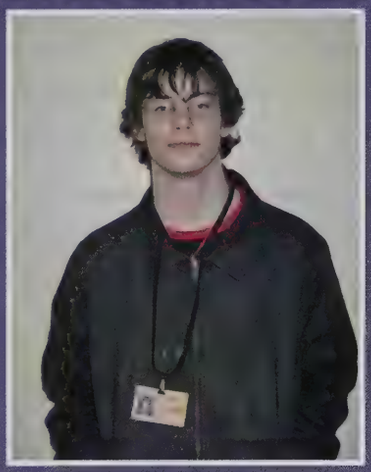
Jennifer Hynh





FRESHMEN

BRANDON DAIGNAULT



Some people dream big. Brandon Daignault, a freshman here at AHS, is one of those people. After being born with a piece of his heart missing and living all his life with a pacemaker, Brandon has dreams of becoming a cardiac surgeon to help children born like him. He had a quick scare last year when he had to ride in an ambulance due to a problem with his pacemaker, but overall, Brandon is fearless. He has participated in martial arts for five years. He also finds interest in drawing and tennis, which he started playing two years ago.

What excites Brandon the most about AHS is history class with Mr. Treon. If he could change one thing about AHS, he would grant more passing time to students in the hallway between classes. Besides writing for his school work, Brandon also has been writing to pen pals in Israel, Germany, Greece, Japan, and Malaysia for the past three years. His aspirations for the future include attending college and medical school.

Sacred Heart Parish, a local catholic church, is lucky to have Brandon as a parishioner. He often-times serves as an alter server for the church and finds making his first communion last year to be his greatest achievement. Brandon Daignault is a benevolent person who will be sure to see great things in the future.

Dominic Dangelo

Robert Cabell

Sean Jacques

Ashley Jadine

Jessica Jenkins

Jesse Jerpinseas

Adrienne Corrigan

Nicholas Corbett

Dimitri Kalafizidis

Vera Kilchina

David Kaplying

Tyler Karam

Cassandra Knowlton

Danielle Kodess

Kaylene Kopyschesh

Kristina Kopyschinski

Arthur Korotch

Alexander Krasock

Danielle Kupin

Erica LaCroix

Arianna LaBonte

Zachary LaMountain

Zachary Landry

Emily Langlois

Emil Lavowski

Valerie Tuttell

Jeffrey Lauzione

Kathryn Leathem

Kyle LeClair

Thomas Lemay

Gregory Lemieux

Lauren Lentre

Gabriella Leon

Angie Lewis

Alexander Littlefield

Tiffany Littlefield

Ryan Lombardini

Thomas Long

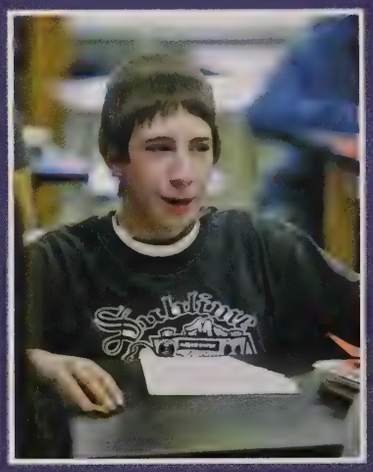
Evan Luttermuser

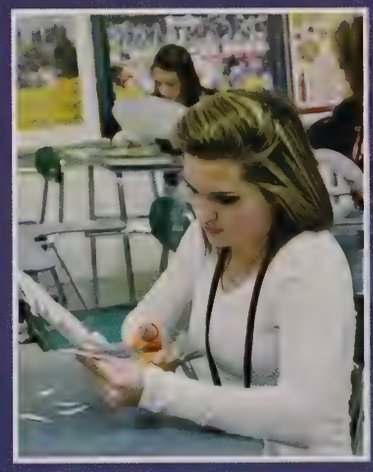
Jacob Loughman

Anna Lovett

Angel Lugo

Change (*n*): A transformation or transition from one state, condition, or phase to another.





Schedule *(n)*: A student's program of classes, specifying the order and allotted time for each part.

HEATHER GONYEAU

Entering as a freshman this year, Heather Gonyeau is new to this school, but has already started to make her mark. Just like any normal member of the student body, her favorite part of school is seeing her friends. She loves Mr. Maloni's class because he always cracks her up. When asked what the one thing she would change about AHS was, she didn't utter a word; she just held up her ID.

Sports are her favorite aspect of school and they are what she wants AHS to remember her by. She has played lacrosse since middle school and plans to continue throughout her high school career. Also, it is her first year playing competitive volleyball and she is already a star on the freshman team. "Being on the volleyball team is a lot of fun, and we're all really close." She strongly believes that their unity is what helps them play so well.

In the future you'll be seeing a lot more of Heather Gonyeau, whether it's playing on the volleyball team, the lacrosse team, or participating in the Key Club.

CLASS OF 2012

Megan Ripke

Colin Rutter

Kyle Rivera

Tyler Roberts

Felicia Robertson

Rachel Rohlf

Shaiyn Rodriguez

Benjamin Romani Jr

Samuel Romanko

Timothy Rooney

Stephanie Rouillard

Jeffrey Rovatti

Natasa Roy

Timothy Roy

Valentin Salagovnik

Robert Salazar

Leticia Santa

Natalya Santiago

Stephanie Savant

Nadezhda Savonina

Brandon Sawyer

Richard Schoolcraft

Gaetano Scuderi

Matthew Settembro

Dennis Shapovalov

Weston Shaner

Patrick Shea

Zoty Shevin

Dasom Shin

Mark Simone

David Sluba

Aaron Smith

Brittany Smith

Scott Smith

Victoria Smith

Christina Smola

Carli Sousini

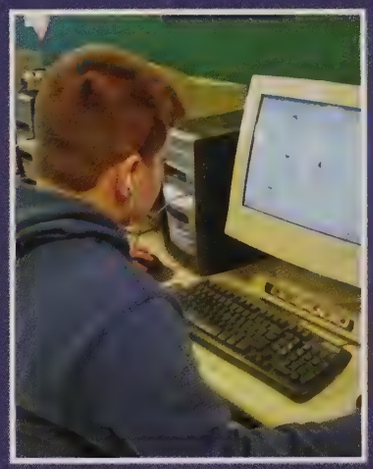
John Spano

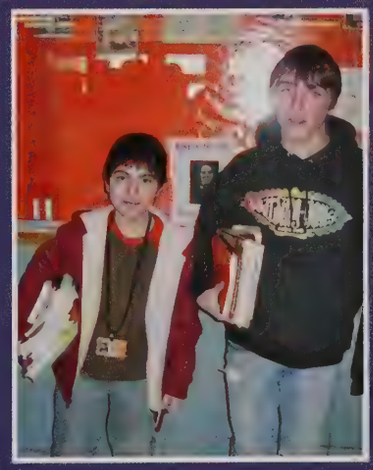
Ashley Sprandel

Cody St. Pre

Mariya Stebelskov

Kathleen Stempel





FRESHMEN

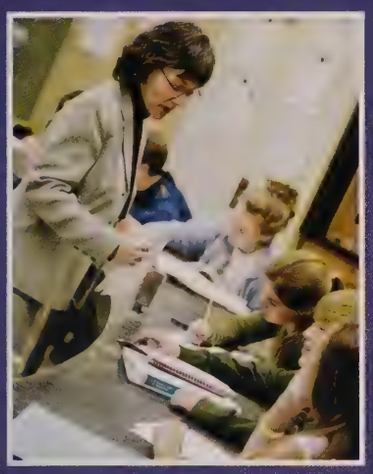
LETICIA SANTA

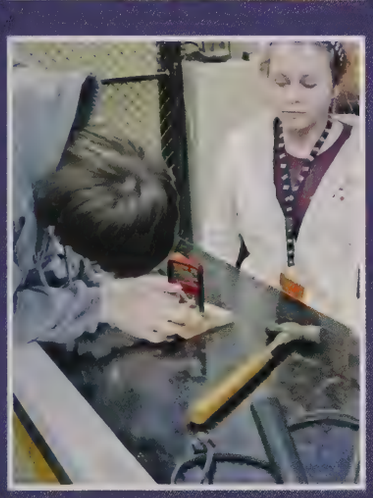
Leticia Santa, a freshman at Agawam High this year, has already adjusted to the high school atmosphere. Her favorites subjects are math and science, and when asked who her favorite teacher was, she responded, "I don't know if that would be fair to say… but Mr. Benkert rocks!" She dreams of attending Cornell University after graduating. To go along with her interest in mathematics, Leticia hopes to pursue a career in nanotechnology. An alternative career she is interested in is being a limousine driver.

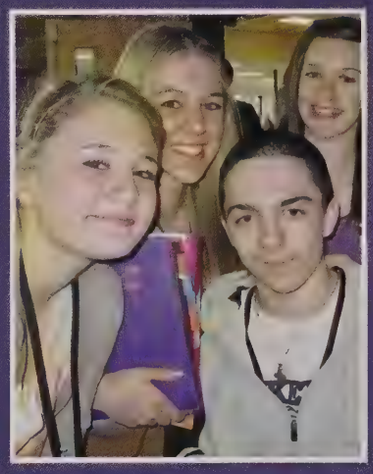
Leticia has a knack for music and has been playing piano since she was twelve years old. At AHS, she participates in jazz band and marching band. When she's not rocking out, you can find her listening to pop music, watching action movies, or just hanging out with her friends. She also enjoys playing video games on Playstation, especially "Little Big Planet."

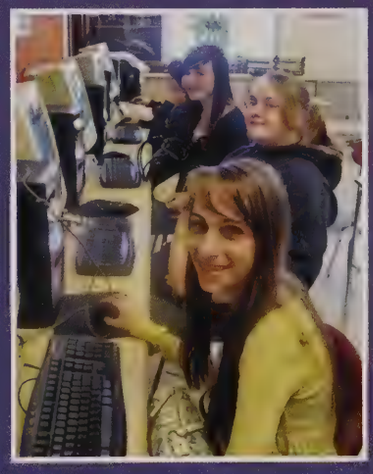
In addition to being a musician, the 5'8" freshman is also an athlete, competing in soccer and basketball. Leticia is 75% Puerto Rican and 25% Costa Rican, and she has three brothers; Gregorio, Emilio, and Sergio. Mac & Cheese is one of her loves, and in contrast, spiders are amongst the things she hates most.

Overwhelming *(adj)*: Overpowering in effect or strength.









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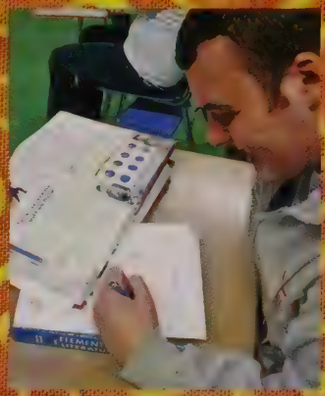
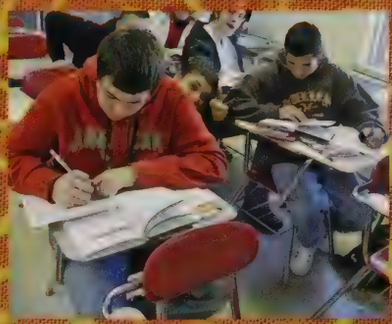
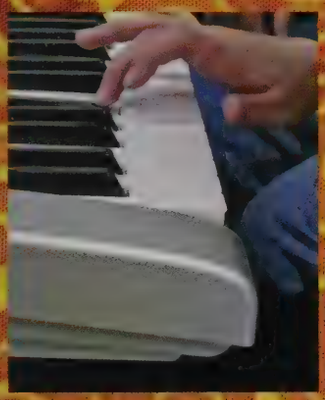


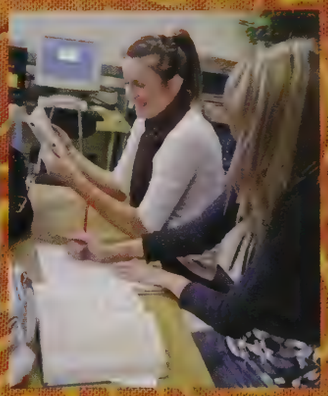


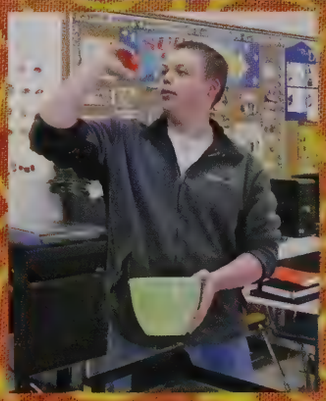
Academics

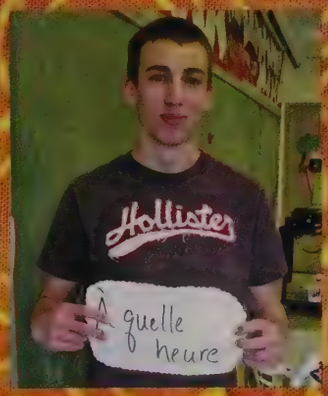
***Academics** (n.)- General areas of study that provide higher education and further research in specific subjects*

It may be a drag to some students, but every high school in the country, including ours, must follow an academic curriculum. The upside is that the teachers at AHS try their hardest to make learning more interesting. Besides the required courses, each department also offers numerous electives to fill a student's schedule. Whatever you are interested in, from art, cooking, to computers, there is sure to be at least one course at AHS that you will enjoy.









2009 Retiring Teachers

***Teacher** (n.)- An acknowledged guide or helper in the important processes of learning.*

Cynthia McCormack

This year the culinary arts program will be losing a vital educator, Cynthia McCormack. When asked to be interviewed, she simply replied, "The most fabulous teacher is retiring, that's all you need to write." Incredibly witty and creative, especially with her cooking ideas, Mrs. McCormack told us that "telling her jokes to everyone" is what she will miss most. A graduate from the University of Massachusetts, she started off with a major in Mathematics, but didn't know where she wanted to go from there. Taking a Home Economics class with one of her friends really started her passion for teaching cooking. She finished off her college career with a major in Home Economics and found her way here to Agawam High School. She said that her greatest accomplishment while at AHS was in 1991. "During that time the ninth graders weren't allowed to take a culinary class, so I presented a beginning course to the school board for the ninth graders and got it passed." Her favorite class to teach is the "International Foods" course because the students have more experience and it makes it more fun to teach. She said that "there are less demonstrations and more cooking." She hopes that when she leaves Agawam will be able to find someone with the same type of passion for the students. Mrs. McCormack hopes they will expand in the program and remodel the kitchen for the students. She believes that students need a hands-on class like culinary arts to help balance out their day and provide a class that everyone anticipates. Thank you so much Mrs. McCormack, you will be missed and remembered!

Kathleen Mouneimneh

Kathleen Mouneimneh is an English teacher who is beloved and respected greatly by all who know her. Mrs. Mouneimneh has been teaching for fifteen years, and has been at AHS for fourteen of those years. She stated that one goal she had when she started teaching was to "make a difference in the life of a child." She is proud to say that this has occurred many times, which contributes to her successful career as a teacher. During her years at AHS, she has been able to work with many different types of students. Mrs. Mouneimneh stated that her favorite part of teaching is "being able to connect seemingly unrelated issues to student lives, as well as giving them life skills." This makes her teaching style more interesting than most other academic classes. Not only does she teach and inspire her students, but she is very involved within the community, as well as after school activities. Currently she is a co-advisor for the National Honor Society. She also is the co-advisor with Mrs. Weyant for Renaissance, and the advisor for Shakespeare Society. Some of her interests outside of school include crossword puzzles, word searches, and crocheting. The one activity which she is most looking forward to is reading whatever she wants and wherever she pleases. She plans to join her friends in proctoring and correcting the Massachusetts Test for Educator Licensure once retirement starts. We want to thank her for everything she has done, and let her know that she will always remain in our hearts.

Jane Williams

Jane Williams is a guidance counselor with a great dedication to the students of our school. When asked what she is most excited for in retirement she responded with, "Not having to wake up at 4:30 every morning!" Once retired, Mrs. Williams has set a goal of writing her entire family genealogy, which is sort of like a family tree. In her spare time, she has been taking classes on how to do this in preparation for the journey; genealogies are made through multitudes of interviews, research, and travel. She is excited for all of the traveling involved, but is going to have to wait for her husband's retirement to get started. This is a woman who honestly loved her job; she really enjoyed helping students to get into college. Her favorite part of the job was reading student applications and seeing that the student heard about the college from her. She mentioned that it felt especially good to see that people actually listen to her suggestions because, as a mother, she knows that students don't always like to listen to adults. When asked about her thoughts on leaving, Mrs. Williams stated, "I never thought I'd be in high school for this many years. I'm going to miss all the people, but it's time for some new adventures."

Central and Main Office

***Central and Main Office** (n.)- A group of hard-working adults who keep our school functioning, our students identified, and our doctor's notes organized.*

The Central and Main Offices could be considered the headquarters for Agawam's educational system. The office of Dr. Czajkowski, the superintendent for Agawam Public Schools, as well as the offices of Mr. Bares and Mr. Sapelli, the assistant superintendents, sit in the Central Office located inside the junior high school.

The office of Mr. Lemanski, Agawam High School's principal, has a door that is always open. Mrs. Conte, Mrs. Feyre, and Mr. Schnepp, the assistant principals, all help to keep AHS a safe and educational haven throughout the always eventful school year. The secretaries in the Central and Main Offices greet you with a warm and friendly smile as you walk through the door.

Dr. Mary Czajkowski Superintendent

Gregory Bares Assistant Superintendent

William Sapelli Assistant Superintendent

Renee Jury Administrative Assistant

Alexis Ferioli Executive Assistant

Ann Flynn IT Specialist

Kim Houle Payroll Specialist

Sally Lepage Secretary

Helen Marganti Accounts Payable

Ann Zavarella Secretary

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Bernadette Conte Vice Principal

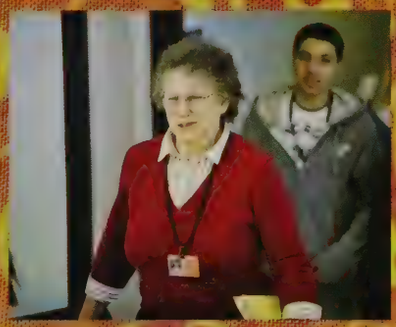
Susan Feyre Vice Principal

Thomas Schnepp Vice Principal

Lisa Kline Secretary

Denise Moffatt Secretary

Janice Truelove Secretary



Business, Career, & Instructional Technology Department *(n.)- Led by Mrs. Mazza, this department facilitates the process of searching for jobs and internships, and gives students the necessary tools to prepare for their future careers.*

Ms. Lisa Sheehan

Ms. Lisa Sheehan is a teacher who believes strongly in her career. After graduating from American International College, she came to AHS and has been teaching for over six years. The classes she teaches include Computer Online MCAS and Career Exploration. Her favorite of the two is by far Career Exploration; she feels this course is excellent because it teaches life skills, helps students in their search for a career, and shows students how to plan for the future.

When she found out that this course may no longer be a requirement in the future, she was very upset. An AHS graduate herself, Ms. Sheehan confessed that she wished a course such as Career Exploration or the Career Center had been available to her when she was here. She believes one of the best feelings in the world is when a student comes to her and says that they got a job or did really well in an interview because of the class.

Business, Career, & Instructional Technology Department

With the one-of-a-kind opportunity of both full and half-year internships as well as our exceptional Career Exploration classes, the Business, Career, and Instructional Technology Department is a great help to many students. Mrs. Mazza leads this department while Ms. Hunter is the Career Coordinator. This department offers two programs to combine school with careers. The first program, co-op education, allows students to take a class to learn about human rights in the workplace during sixth period and to leave school to work at their jobs during seventh period. The second program allows students to go to the local collaborative school and learn a trade. This department also hosts many career and college fairs throughout the year and invites guest speakers to educate the students on their possible future careers.

Ryan Brown

Lynne Hauser

Debra Hunter

James Jackowski

Betsy Marble

Arlene Mazza

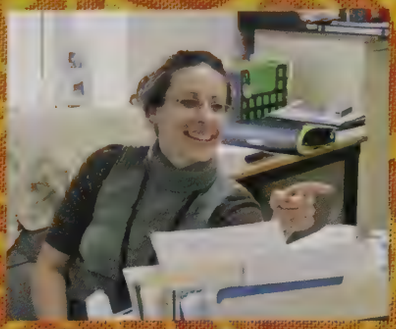
Lisa Sheehan

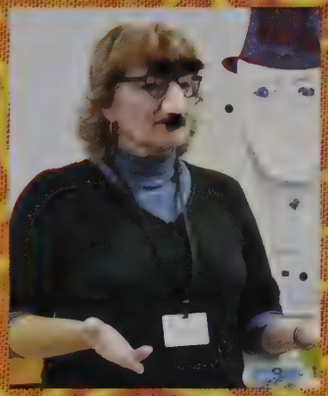
Michael Simpson

Matthew Stinson

Lori Weyant

Top Left: The business teachers stand together at the 2008 Students vs. Teachers floor hockey game.
Top Right: Senior Ronald Cabana poses with his video camera in between filming.
Bottom Left: Students are hard at work designing business cards, pamphlets, and brochures.
Bottom Right: Mrs. Marble's Cooperative Education students pose for a class picture.





***English Department** (n.)- Often known as Master Grammarians, these people work to instruct the students of AHS about the intricacies of the English language, teaching everything from commas to colons, and alliteration to verse.*

Poetry Club

Sometimes, sharing personal poetry or prose can be tough as a teenager, simply because you might not know what the people listening are going to think. The Poetry Club provides a solution to that self doubt. This group is a small, tight-knit organization dedicated to both writing and listening to poetry. Because the amount of students stays small, teenagers feel less awkward and more confident in sharing what they write. Mrs. Hines is the helpful advisor of this group. Because she is an English teacher, her experience and advice helps to improve the students' writings. If you're looking for a place to share and receive suggestions, the Poetry Club is the group for you

Back: Trevor Leathem, Mrs. Hines (advisor), Ron Cabana
Front: Whitney Johnson, Rebecca Impionbato, Jessica Szczepanek, Shannon Foley

English Department

The English Department is a large part of Agawam High School's faculty. The courses offered by this department cover both mandatory classes and electives, such as Creative Writing and Contemporary Teen Literature. English at Agawam High School is required for all four years of a student's course of study. Most of the teachers also volunteer to be the advisor of a club or group at Agawam High. Ms. Davis is the advisor for The Mirror, and Mr. Bodurtha is one of the advisors for the Intergenerational Book Club. Mrs. Mouneimneh is co-advisor of the National Honors Society. Because the teachers provide the educational foundation for one of the most important subjects as well as get involved with clubs and activities, the English Department is an important part of the Agawam High School community.

Stephen Bodurtha

Elizabeth Davis

Dianna DiStefano

Sandra Hines

Amber Hall

David Kandar

Ashlea Miller

Bronwyn Monahan

Colleen Moren

Kelly Moriarty

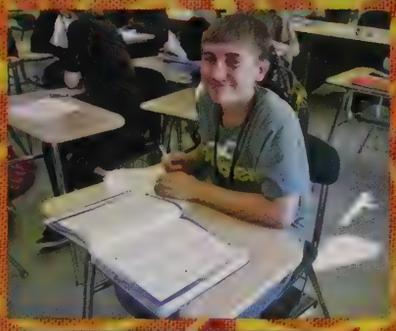
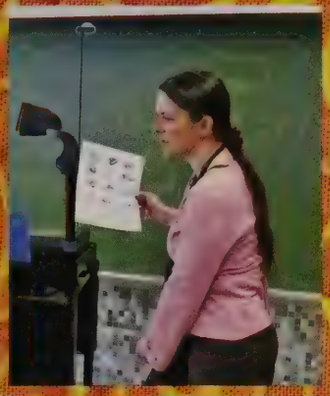
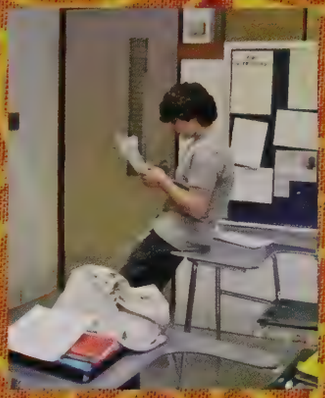
Kathleen Mouneimneh

Matthew Murray

Heather Taglieri

Pamela Vallon-Jackson

Top Left: Students take notes during a lecture.
Top Right: Ms. Davis shows off her Madonna costume on Halloween.
Bottom Left: A student awaits his grade on an important assignment.
Bottom Right: Mr. Murray watches his fellow teachers during the floor hockey game.

Foreign Language Department *(n.)- This department not only teaches proficiency in French, Italian, or Spanish, its teachers work towards improving students' communication skills, which is very valuable in today's society.*

Matthew Bassette

Matthew Bassette is a sophomore at AHS who seeks to challenge himself through both academics and extracurricular activities. This year, he is taking several honors and high level courses but has surpassed many by taking level four honors Spanish in only his second year of high school. Matthew says that he has always been especially interested in foreign languages in general; he certainly seems to have found his niche. He is eager to sign up for advanced placement Spanish as a junior.

Before graduating, an internship in the foreign language department would be an ideal experience for Matthew. He plans on becoming a teacher, specializing in English and Spanish. But he would like to expand upon his internship and possibly get some first hand teaching experience by working with the students who are learning a foreign language for the first time. Besides being active in sports, Matthew is an active member of the Agawam Key Club and for hobbies, he finds himself practicing on the drums. In his junior or senior year, Matthew has dreams of having his own act or even becoming the lead drummer for Agawam Spotlight. After high school Matthew plans on attending a college while holding down a part-time job. For now he is considering Amherst College or Boston College, but he is keeping his options open.

Foreign Language Department

The Foreign Language Department is a department in which many students choose to get involved. With its new department head, Mrs. Miller, the Foreign Language Department offers courses on many different levels: five years of Spanish and French, including honors and AP classes, and four years of Italian. Also, this department supports many activities throughout the year. Fourth and fifth-year students of the French and Spanish classes go to the Junior High each year and coordinate activities and skits. This is to encourage the younger students to continue taking classes in their language of choice. The foreign language discipline does not only focus on language, though; it combines history, art, literature, geography, and all other aspects of foreign life. This way students can grasp the human experience we call culture. Foreign language teachers teach students to become more social and outgoing, characteristics that are most valuable for success in the 21st century. As all of the foreign language teachers stress, communication is central to human understanding at all levels.

Mary Ellen Bruce

Mary Jean Daly

Christine Kolodziej

Nancy Kundl

Bethany Meserve

Nancy Miller

Leah O'Leary

Vladimiro Orefice

Top Left: Señora Kolodziej explains the various verb forms to her class.
Top Right: Madame Kundl helps her students cook crepes to experience French culture.
Bottom Left: Señor Orefice instructs students during a speaking exercise.
Bottom Right: A student is hard at work on a vocabulary assignment.

Health, Family, & Consumer Science Department *(n.)- Teachers in this department work with students in the culinary arts, teach sexual education, and hone future parental skills in the various courses offered.*

Child Development

A popular course in the Health, Family, and Consumer Science Department is Child Development. When a person elects to take this class, they are embarking on a journey of knowledge acquisition in the subject areas of financing, educating, and nurturing a family. The teacher, Mrs. Armakovitch, instructs students on proper parenting skills and tells them what to expect once their family life starts. Students in this class do various projects on planning, such as paying for a nine-month-old and dealing with birth defects. Once during the year, students take an electronic baby for two nights to feed, burp, and change, in order to learn about the various responsibilities of parenting.

Health, Family, and Consumer Science Department

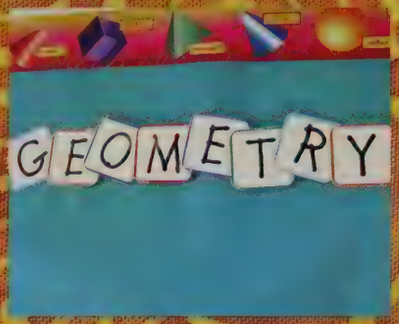
Although this department is one of the smaller ones at AHS, it is most definitely not any less important. The three teachers work together to educate the students at Agawam High School about Health, Family, and Consumer Science. Mrs. Armakovitch teaches Health, as well as Interior Design and Child Development. Mrs. Gomes is a fantastic teacher for Issues in Health, where students are taught about current health topics. Mrs. McCormack covers the various cooking classes, which are in high demand among the students. This department keeps AHS healthy and informed.

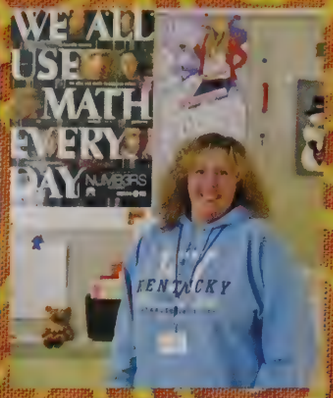
Deborah Armakovitch

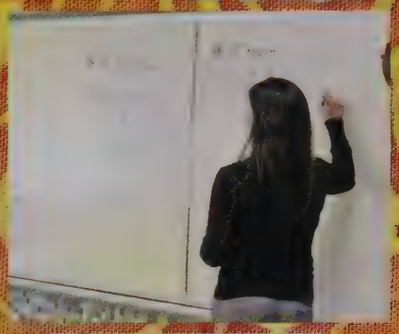
Catherine Gomes

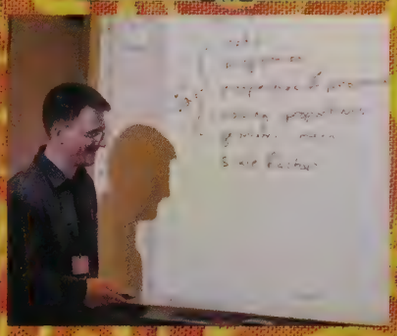
Cynthia McCormack

Top Left: Mrs. Gomes teaches her class on how to live a healthier lifestyle.
Top Right: A group of students works together to get those dishes sparkling clean.
Bottom Left: A student works diligently to make fresh baked cookies as part of a cooking class.
Bottom Right: This student knows that precise measurements are important when baking.









Mathematics Department *(n.)- The Math Department teaches how to use math, when to use it, and most importantly- why it really is important. (Yes, you do use math in life after high school.)*

Mr. Nikali Benkert

Mr. Nikali Benkert is one of the most popular math teachers at AHS. His in-depth teaching style helps students not just understand how to do a problem, but why they're doing it and how the solution can help them in real life. He didn't really like math all that much in high school, something a lot of students can relate to, but when Mr. Benkert reached college, he realized how much he truly enjoyed it. "I believe that math is discovered, not invented. The challenge is to find new ways to describe that which already exists." Although he teaches all types of math, Mr. Benkert could never choose a favorite subject- whether it be Algebra, Geometry, or Calculus. Outside of teaching, correcting homework, and watching F.R.I.E.N.D.S., he loves to watch and participate in sports. "Over the past couple of years I've become addicted to long distance running." He's completed five half-marathons, and two full ones- one of which was the Goofy Challenge that took place at Disney World in Orlando, Florida. Mr. Benkert's the worship leader at his church, and plays multiple instruments, including the guitar, piano, and organ. He's a big fan of Broadway musicals, as well; his family often travels to hotspots like New York and Hartford to watch various shows and performances.

Some things you may not know about this math-wiz: he can recite most of the movie Aladdin from memory and play the piano blindfolded. Mr. Benkert's favorite part of teaching is the students. He explained that each of his classes has their own distinct personality, which makes teaching anything but boring. His students have taught him to be more patient and enjoy life. "The things I teach pretty much stay constant from year to year, but the students make each year new and exciting."

Mathematics Department

Do you know what the Pythagorean Theorem is? If you don't, perhaps you should ask the Math Department! Mrs. Farrell is the head of the Math Department, which is filled with involved educators and curious students. Some of these important people include Swim Team Coach Mr. Huestis, Junior Class, Yearbook and Prom Committee advisor Mr. Trahan, Math Team advisor Mrs. Tuthill, SAVE advisor Mrs. Bertone-Gross and Ski Club advisors Mr. Hollister and Mr. Consolini. The AHS Math Team participates in a regional competition amongst local high schools, including private schools. The Math Department, with its dedicated teachers, is yet another helpful and important cornerstone for our school.

Nikali Benkert

Patricia Bertone-Gross

Jeffrey Consolini

Adrianna Gallo-Grimaldi

Kimberly Hebert

Bryan Hollister

Christophe Huestis

Lois McBride

Cheryl Pasternak

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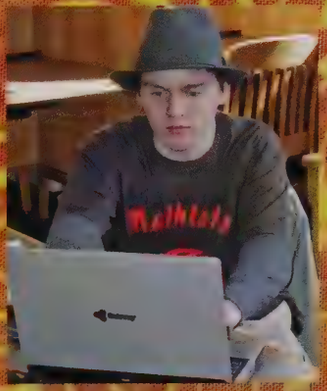
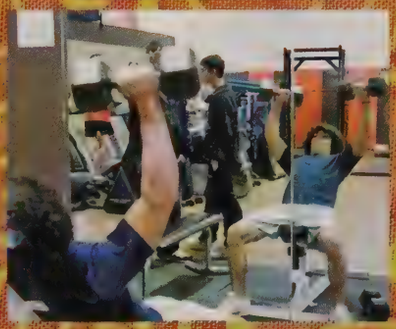
Scott Trahan

Cindy Tuthill



Top Left: Samantha Abraham and Alexander Cassell research the government's $787 billion stimulus package as part of Moody's Mega Math Challenge on Saturday, March 7th.
Top Right: Ryan Muller diligently works on a graph to model unemployment rates during the math challenge at the public library.
Bottom Left: Mrs. Santa grades algebra tests while on bathroom duty in the rotunda.
Bottom Right: Matthew Graham and Zachary Benoit calculate the volume of a pear using calculus.



Physical Education Department *(n.)- A group of teachers whose job it is to educate students on how to get their blood pumping, their legs moving, and how to live a healthy lifestyle.*

Mrs. Barbara Stevens

Mrs. Stevens is a vital asset to our physical education department at AHS. Her career has shaped many students lives to become healthy and fit. Accepted as a math major, Mrs. Stevens went to Pennsylvania State but decided to major in an area that she enjoyed. She wanted to improve the lives of her future students. She decided to major in Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance. After her graduation in 1973, she taught for four years outside of Buffalo, New York in a K-12 school. Mrs. Stevens eventually ended up in our town and began teaching at the Agawam Middle School. She began coaching there in 1977 and moved her way up to our high school in 1981. Mrs. Stevens has been teaching for 35 years and loves her job with a passion. She stated in her interview, "I know that I will never forget the people I have the pleasure to work with; I really love what I do, what could be better?!" Mrs. Stevens says she loves teaching physical education because of the relaxed environment, much like coaching, and how the students feel more at ease.

When asked what her favorite gym activity she likes to teach she replied, "I like teaching square dancing because students can have fun all while getting their heart rates up." The one thing Mrs. Stevens hope that student will take away from her class is that "it is never too late to start preparing for the rest of your life. Math, English, and History are important but what can be more helpful than knowing how to maintain a healthy lifestyle."

Physical Education Department

Agawam High School's determination to stay fit and active is driven by the classes taught by the Physical Education Department. Along with the standard Physical Education class, Mr. Podworski also teaches a class titled "Fit For Life" for those students who want to further their physical education. Mr. Pryce, as well as being a P.E. teacher, is the coach for Girls Varsity Track. Ms. Stevens and Ms. Murray are very popular amongst the students. During gym class, students can choose from an array of activities, ranging from Table Tennis to Basketball. Square Dancing and Wellness are other favorites, and every year the department holds a volleyball tournament. Gym class is redefined at Agawam High as a fun, athletic environment with much to give.

Louis Conte
Athletic Director

Christine Costello
Secretary

Kathleen Georgina

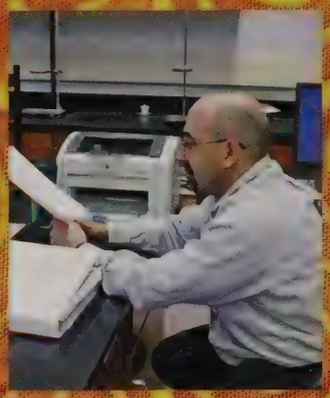
Mary Murray

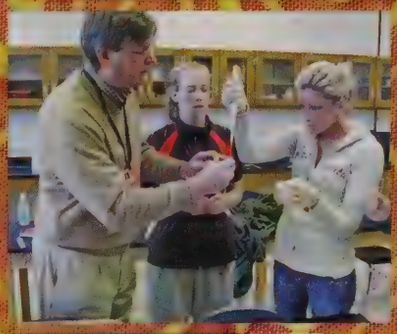
Jamie Podworski

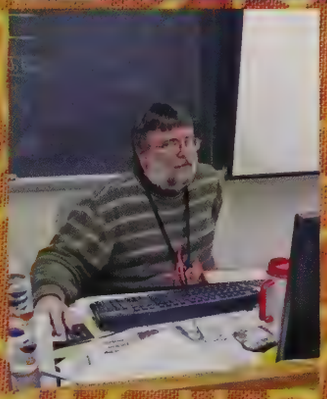
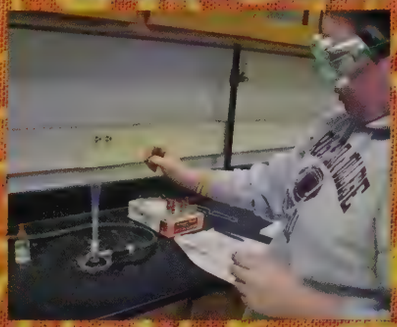
Daniel Pryce

Barbara Stevens

Top Left: Mrs. Stevens, Rachel Butt, Ms. Murray, and Taylor Hartmann pose for a picture on Halloween.
Top Right: Ms. Georgina instructs students during a floor hockey game.
Bottom Left: Students work out in the weight room.
Bottom Right: Mr. Pryce and Michael Counos mock fight during P.E. for other students' entertainment.





Science Department *(n.)- According to Heisenberg, this department may perhaps be the best science department around, with its caring teachers, invigorating subjects, and chemical experiments.*

Paul Vecchiarelli

Paul Vecchiarelli has excelled in science all throughout high school. Currently, this senior is taking Advanced Placement Biology, in which he holds an A average, and Honors Genetics. Last semester he completed both Horticulture and Astronomy. He enjoys science because it's fun, and because the teachers are great; he named Mr. Fontaine, Mr. Rumplik, and Mr. Maloney as some of his best teachers this year. His favorite lab experiment was in Honors Genetics, when he extracted his own DNA to represent recombinant DNA technology. Paul plans on majoring in biochemistry in college, probably at UMASS Amherst. This student doesn't just like science, however; he excels in plenty of other subjects. Calculus with Mr. Benkert is another of his favorite classes, and English is entertaining because "Mr. Kandar is a riot." Paul says he's also taking a course on Digital Video Production, a new subject that's turning out to be very rewarding.

Paul's favorite TV show is Futurama, and, on occasion, he likes to watch The Food Network. In his spare time, he enjoys playing guitar and writing songs for his band, as well as playing with his dog, Chup. This quiet musician is actually quite fun to be around outside of school, with his witty comments and intelligent input into any conversation.

Science Department

The Science Department at Agawam High School contains some of the school's brightest teachers, such as the head of the department, Mr. Rumplik. With an abundance of classes to teach, including Physical Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Genetics, and Science Ethics, the teachers of the science department are dedicated in providing proper science education and knowledge to the students. During their lab periods, teachers plan and conduct educational experiments with the students to give a hands-on learning experience. Some of these experiments include making ice cream in Physical Science, dissecting a squid in Biology, and creating peanut brittle in Chemistry. These classes make fun, educational memories for the students of Agawam High School to remember.

Nancy Bobskill

Joe Buonagurio

John Fahey

Beata Fleury

William Fontaine

Gail Howe

Robert Janik

Timothy Karetka

Liz Marie Lopez

Brian Melloni

Geoffrey Phillips

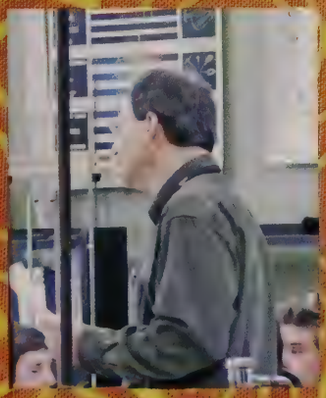
William Rice

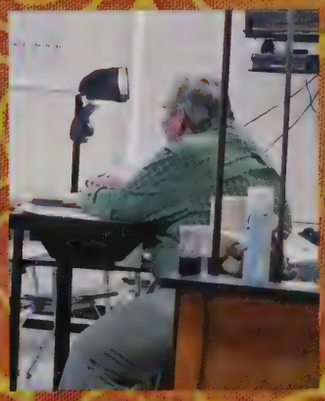
Shawn Rumplik

Cheryl Santagate-Sutton

Dean Vecchiarelli

Tamara Watson

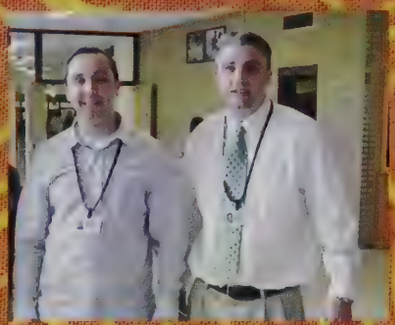




Model Congress

Model Congress is a club which students take part in the legislative process as it is in Washington, D.C. They debate proposed bills, either in favor or against the bills. They also participated in a Model Congress event at American International College. At the event, students propose and submit legislation, which is then debated in a simulated U.S. Congress and Senate, run by college students. The Model Congress is intended to provide a practical educational experience while challenging students to take part in the American system of government.

From Left: Mr. Ireland (advisor), Ashley Casiello, Eric Colon, Larisa Cassie, Maura Curran, Matthew Cassie, Jordan Colon



Social Studies *(n.)- From exploring the corners of time through history, to discovering psychology and the inner mind, this department both answers and creates questions about the world.*

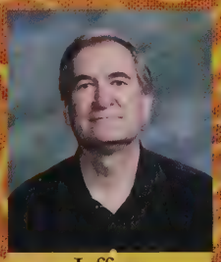
History Through Music

The History through Music is a class for seniors, as it reviews all of the history learned in the first three years of study at AHS. Students in this course, taught by Mr. Daley, get a chance to delve deeper into the cultural and social aspects of the United States, from the 1900's to more recent times, since these parts of history are often overlooked during more traditional history classes. Each time a song important to a specific era is introduced to the students, Mr. Daley likes to add in a "nugget" about that song. These "nuggets" are factoids about how or why the song was written that Mr. Daley likes to share with his students. He tells whoever desires to "tell your parents at the dinner table to blow their minds." This class is filled with fun and education about everything from the flappers of the '20's to the hippies of the '60's.

Social Studies Department

The Social Studies Department is popular among students, especially because of its broad spectrum of electives. Not only does this department have some of the most exciting courses, it has some of the most enthusiastic and lively teachers around. Mr. Daley's History Through Music and Psychology classes often fill up quickly when scheduling time arrives. Other popular electives include Mr. Federico's Practical Law class, Mr. Murphy's Civics class, and Sociology taught by Mr. Feeley. Of course, there are also the History classes taught by others such as Mrs. Quinn, Mrs. Ashton, and Mr. Corbin. These teachers often form strong bonds with their students over their love for history and social studies.

Sheila Ashton


Jeffrey Corbin

Kevin Daley

David Federico

Richard Feeley

Keith Ireland

Brian Izzo

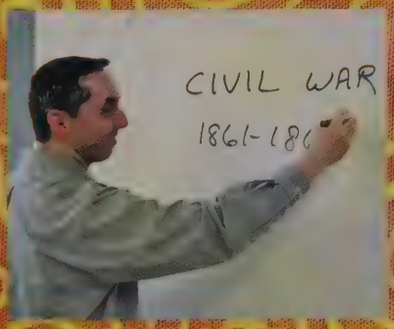
Sean Jennings

Timothy Murphy

Maureen Quinn

Jonathan Treon

Joanne White



Top Left: Mr. Murphy explains the various aspects of the Civil War.
Top Right: Mr. Feeley smiles for the camera with Junior Caitlin Frazier.
Bottom Left: Mr. Corbin makes a historic shot for a goal during the floor hockey game.
Bottom Right: The History Department poses for a picture at the Opus Bono Historiae induction.

Technical Education Department *(n.)- It may not have the technology equivalent to something seen in The Matrix, but the Tech. Ed. department truly has the tendency to keep students' hunger for technology and machinery alive.*

Amanda Pittenger

Amanda Pittenger has always taken a huge interest in photography. Ever since an early age, this junior has experimented with taking, editing, and uploading her pictures on a popular photo site, Deviant Art. One of her biggest influences would be her grandfather, who focuses on film and developing. Although she uses a digital camera, her Canon EOS Rebel XSi, she's excited about taking the photography class at AHS this year. "I'm learning about film; it's different from digital and it's really nice." Amanda even suggested to Mr. Korbut to get a photography club up and running, something that the school has been trying to get off the ground for a few years. Her favorite season for photography is the fall, mainly because the colors are so different from any other time of year.

Besides photography, Amanda spends a lot of her time writing and reading. Her main focus for her future is photojournalism, so she can combine both her love of pictures and her love of words. She even took a writing class over the summer at the YMCA in Westfield. "I learned a lot, like how to be more confident in what I write." Some of her favorite books include The Lovely Bones by Alice Sebold and the Blue is for Nightmares series by Laurie Stolarz. As for music, Amanda listens to everything from Alkaline Trio to John Mayer. She'd love to go to college in the city, but for now this photographer is keeping her future and her options open.

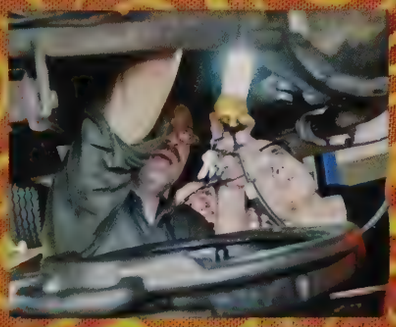
Technical Education Department

The Technical Education department is designed to give students a closer insight on some of today's most commonly applied technologies. The courses offered are unlike any other in the school. From Vehicle Care to Robotics, each class is designed to give students a hands-on technological experience. A well-liked Tech. Ed. course is the popular Photography class, which includes everything from developing film to taking photos with a pinhole camera they construct in class. All of the teachers are very approachable and take a great interest in what they teach. If you haven't taken a Tech. Ed. class previously, it is strongly suggested that you give at least one a try; you surely will not be disappointed.

John Barry

John Korbut

William Zaengle



Top Left: Patience and staying focused are two important factors when dealing with cars.
Top Right: Rebecca Fondakowski stands in the "Batman Door" that leads into the darkroom.
Bottom Left: A student uses the folding machine to construct The Uniqorn.
Bottom Right: Students pop the hood to get a better look at the engine with Mr. Zaengle looking on.

Visual and Performing Arts Department *(n.)- Singing, dancing, acting, painting, sculpting- This department has it all and inspires AHS to keep the creative juices flowing.*

Art Club

The Art Club at Agawam High School is one of the most popular clubs. This group lets the students involved truly unleash their creativity in a fun environment. Sadly, some students simply cannot fit an art class into their academic schedule, and as a solution they decide to expand their extracurricular activities by joining this fine group. Ms. Florek and Ms. Waters are the helpful advisors, who guide the club members with their artistic projects. Throughout the year, the Art Club contributes to multiple activities and visuals located throughout the school hallways. This club is very involved when it comes to taking part in the school musical, where they prepare backdrops and various costumes. The Art Club loves new members, so everyone at Agawam High feels welcome!

Visual and Performing Arts Department

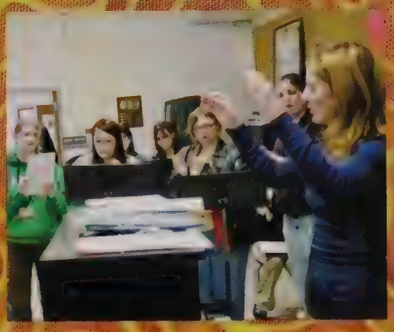
Creativity and talent are perfectly displayed through the hard work of the Visual and Performing Arts Department. The hard working teachers that make up this part of the AHS faculty organize multiple events each year. Some of these events include a musical, Agawam Spotlight, Winter and Spring Art Festivals, and various displays around the school. Mrs. Florek and Ms. Waters teach the visual art classes, as well as help out with the Art Club and Art National Honors Society. Ms. Funk, in addition to teaching the chorus classes, helps organize the Agawam Spotlight. Mr. Hueglin is the fantastic band director who gets the AHS band ready for every performance. Together these four teachers make up the department that strives to keep Agawam High's culture at its best.

Debora Florek

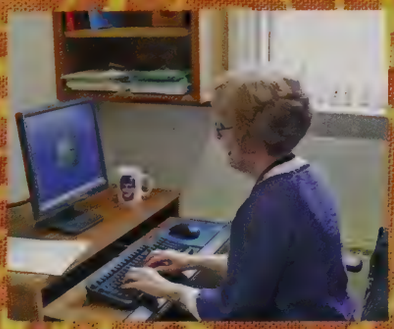
Sonja Funk

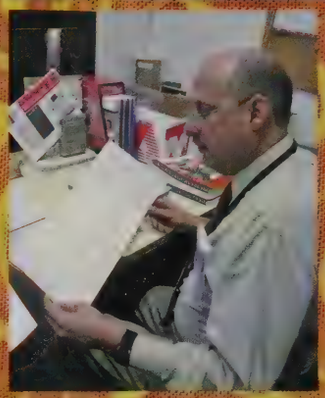
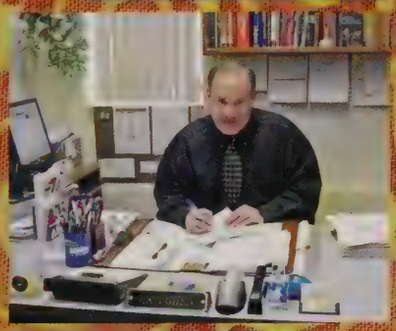
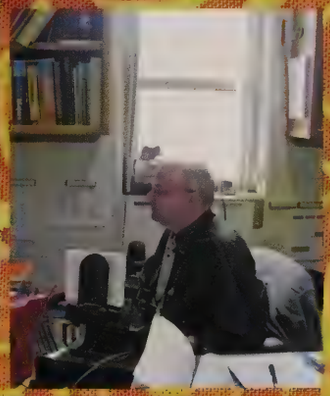
William Hueglin

Amber Waters

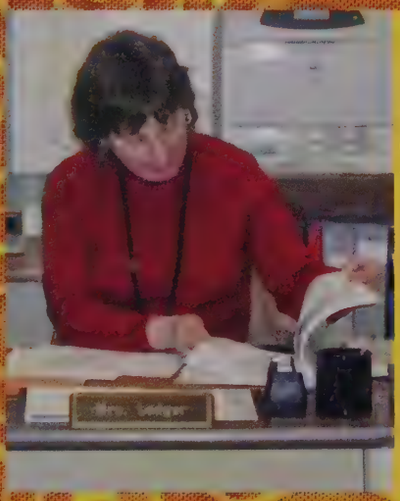


Top Left: Ms. Funk and Mrs. Vallon-Jackson guide the actors for the upcoming musical.
Top Right: Senior Ryan Peucker shows off his self-portrait at the Winter Arts Festival.
Bottom Left: Ms. Waters gives advice to an aspiring artistic student.
Bottom Right: Ms. Funk conducts a warm-up before introducing a new piece to the Chorale.



Counseling Center *(n.)- A group of people who advise students on various choices made throughout their high school career in order to prepare for the future.*



Ann Ledger

For those of you who may not know her, Mrs. Ledger is the woman responsible for creating and maintaining transcripts, report cards, and progress reports. She knows her stuff when it comes to computers, and is always willing to lend a hand when needed. After attending Holyoke Community College and majoring in business management and computer science she fell into her job as a guidance secretary. She also loves her second job, teaching Microsoft Word skills to AHS night school students. In her spare time Mrs. Ledger enjoys cooking and reading; she loves mysteries and her favorite author is Janet Evanovich. She is also a world class seamstress; she creates wonderful quilts and loves sewing and needlework. She often makes gifts for her friends and uses this skill as something to pass the time. This sweet seamstress truly keeps our school running with everything she does.

Counseling Center

During the four years of high school you're bound to need some answers and assistance as to where you want to go in the future and how to get there. The counseling center at Agawam High School is exactly where you would go to get that kind of help. The counselors, Mrs. Gould, Mrs. Williams, Mr. Cohen, and Mr. Meagher, as well as the Director of School Counseling Susan Schoenberger, are always willing to be of assistance. The Counseling Center deals with various issues from schedule changes to sending in college applications. The guidance counselors work with the students' parents and teachers to make life during high school less stressful and more progressive. The center is a useful tool for students who need guidance with their high school career and a great planning device for your future.

Alan Cohen

Ralph Figy

Ann Marie Gould

Ann Ledger Secretary

Frank Meagher

Susan Schoenberger

Geri Tirone Secretary

Jane Williams

Stacy Wright

Top Left: Mr. Meagher works hard to help seniors find the perfect college for their choice of study.
Top Right: Senior Adam Pafumi shows his appreciation to Mrs. Tirone.
Bottom Left: Mrs. Ledger diligently slaves over getting the students' transcripts out on time.
Bottom Right: Mrs. Williams talks to Senior Steven Costa at this year's in-school college fair.

Karen Adams
Teacher Asst.

Sandra Boglisch
Teacher Asst.

Lynn Bradley
ESL

Kevin Brown
Network Admin.

Margaret Burns
Special Ed.

Patricia Burns
Truant Officer

Jan Castell
Occupational Therapist

Clare Chevrier
Speech Therapist

Nancy Cilimberg
Special Ed.

Richard Cilimberg
Permanent Sub.

Barbara Connery
Team Facilitator

Francine Cotoia
Special Ed.

Jessica Darling
Special Ed.

Tracey DeGrandpre-Abodeeb
Teacher Asst.

Patricia DiStefano
School Psychologist

Steve Dykstra
Speech & Lang. Pathologist

Doreen Egan
Alt. Learning

Julie Fife
Teacher Asst.

Mary Gordon
Special Ed.

Nancy Hogan
Special Ed.

Barbara Howard
Secretary

Christine Huestis
Special Ed.

Kathleen Keenan
Teacher Asst.

Cathy Koulegeorge
Data Entry

Mr. Shawn Tatro

Mr. Shawn Tatro is a second-year teacher at AHS. Mr. Tatro is very well-liked among the students, having taught English last year and as a full-time substitute this year. At the young age of twenty-three, most students believe he can relate to our lives better than most of the other teachers, due to the fact that he was in our shoes less than six years ago.

Mr. Tatro graduated from St. Mary's High School in the Spring of 2002, and his experiences in high school were very similar to the ones we are having today. He described a time during his junior year when he locked his keys in his car, while accidentally leaving it to run in the school parking lot. When he returned with a spare key, his class was standing in front of the school and gave him a round of applause.

When asked if he had a favorite class, Mr. Tatro responded, "The seniors, of course. They were my first class as a real teacher and they taught me a lot. I'll always remember the 110 seniors that I had my first year teaching, along with the other seniors I got to know within the past year."

Support Staff

Gail
LaCaresse
Teacher Asst.

Carla
Lemnah-Warner
Special Ed.

Eileen
McGrew
Special Ed.

Polina
Mihaylova
Alt. Learning

Elaine
Mokrzycki
Librarian

Linda
Montagna
Secretary

Sherrill
Montessi
Secretary

Barbara
Moriarty
Nurse

Jeanne
Moriarty
Special Ed.

Susan
Moesley
Special Services

Patricia
O'Connor
Secretary

Carol
Orsatti
Physical Ed.

Joelle
Phillips
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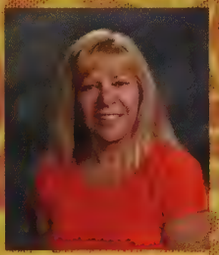
Kathleen
Poggi
IT Specialist

Mark
Poggi
Saftey Resource
Officer

John
Provost
Director of
Special Services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Lisa
Simmitt
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Thomas
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Alt. Learning

Marie
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Barry
Stacy
Network Analyst

Marianne
Swenson
Nurse

Shawn
Tatro
Permanent Sub.

Alane
Tully
Teacher Asst.

Michelle
VanOostveen
Special Ed.

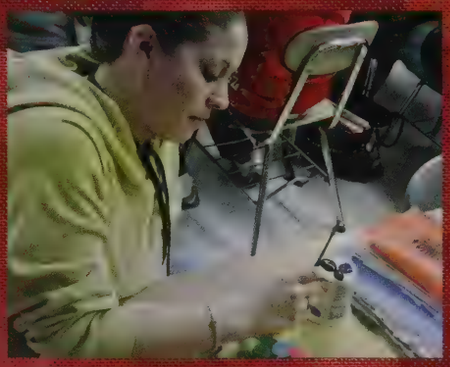
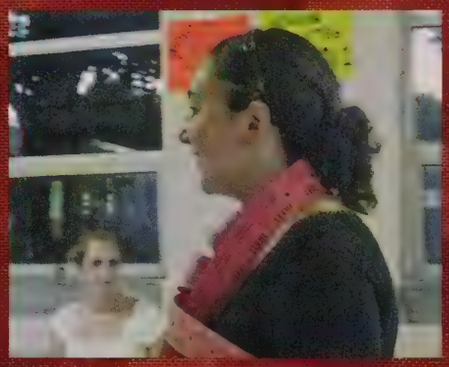
Daniel
Vogel
PC Repair

Frances
Ziter
Teacher Asst.

Cafeteria Staff
Back: Lorie Gessary, Ann Marie Perry, Dawn Moses, Jami Racette, Rosalie Morassi, Donna Blignoli, Tammy Bergeron, Anna Grady
Front: Carol Satkowski, Rose Brouwer, Gail Brittain, Sandy O'Neal, Pat Cincotta

Missing: Matthew Desautels, Permanent Substitute
Dawn Hersey, Teacher Assistant
Courtney Rohan, Teacher Assistant

Honor Societies

From languages to art, community services to all-around achievement, the Honor Societies of Agawam High School contain the school's top students that truly strive to achieve their goals. Effort and enthusiasm explode within these groups, because when you bring determined students together, you are bound to get tasks completed, events planned, and communities serviced— elements that are truely apparent at AHS.

Art National Honor Society

Back: Christopher Ryan Peucker, Justin Chartier, Scott Urban, Jessica Harrison, Dalton Boglisch, Austin Bodzioch
Middle: Katelyn Therrien, Janais Germain, Stephanie Kudlic, Matthew Knowlton, Megan Breault, Elise Psholka, Hali Stanikmas
Front: Laken Gendron, Jessica Szczepanek, Samantha Sharkey, Sarah St. Germain, Emily Wojnarowicz, Kara Fuller
Missing: Kaila Pirnie, Lilia Melnichuk, Alycia Atkinson, Nicole Proulx, Mary Marcil, Jessica Hale, Rebecca Skiba, Katarzyna Nowik, Abigail Messick, Alexis Knowles, Kenneth LaFleche, Sarah Roux

In the Art National Honor Society, students strive to harness their creative ability. This organization differs from most in that it is a part of the member's class schedule. Both inside and outside of the classroom, the students are involved in creating and constructing pieces of art that only true artists could. By displaying their talents and skills in the showcases around the school, Art NHS has become a well-respected group of students at Agawam High. Both the Winter and Spring Art Festivals are highly anticipated, and not just because of the musical performances. The art that is showcased at these events provides strong evidence of how talented the Art NHS members are. Advisors Ms. Florek and Ms. Waters guide the young artists as they give birth to works of art throughout their upperclassmen years. This society has highlighted an amazing amount of artistic talent, and is an important piece of Agawam High's culture.

Jessica Hale concentrates as she adds intricate details to her painting.

Laken Gendron puts the final details on her colorful piece of art.

French and Spanish NHS

Back: Nicole Cameron, Allison Plante, Kimberly Lynch, Houssam Laskani, Steven Costa, Fedosiya Domnenko, Christopher Ryan Peucker, Kevin Mangano
Middle: Ryan Muller, Brittany LaPlante, Corinne Lewis, Kimberly Dorans, Denise Gates, Allyson Ripke, Jennifer Hensel, Phillip Vecchiarelli, Caitlin Paulin, Kaitlyn Weyant
Front: Andrea Walsh, Kamila Misiak, Megan Moriarty, Kristin Gill, Michelle Curtis, Chelsea Blanchard, Rebecca Montano, Gena Mangiaratti
Missing: Matthew Graham, Nicholas Magnolia

La Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica and La Société Honoraire de Français are two very prestigious and exclusive groups representing Agawam's best and brightest foreign language students. Students who have excelled in their French and Spanish classes and showed a thorough interest in their language of choice are asked to join. As always, Señora Sasso and Madame Kundl led the induction night in their respective languages. This night, however, was especially significant for Señora, as it would be her last Spanish NHS induction before retiring.

As part of the ceremony, the new members recited an oath in their foreign language, pledging their allegiance to this society. All students being inducted were given a candle that was lit once their name was called. Following tradition, the ceremony was held in the courtyard where cake and refreshments were served afterwards. Students, family and faculty joined together to celebrate this special occasion. The new members were excited to further their language skills as a group in the years to come.

The Spanish National Honor Society students patiently wait in line with their candles.

Fedosiya Domnenko signs her name during the induction ceremony.

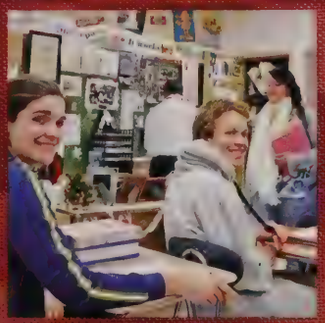
National Honor Society

Back: Zachary Benoit, Phillip Vecchiarelli, Alyssa Doyle, Emily Barlar, Taryn Dooley, Kimberly Lynch, Ashley Breault, Madame Kundl (advisor)
Third Row: Gena Mangiaratti, Gabriela Rossi, Kamila Misiak, Azra Rahman, Garrett Asselin, Michelle Curtis, Allyson Ripke, Kristine Gabriel, Megan Moriarty, Regina Sibilia, Antonia Moore, Mrs. Mouneimneh (advisor)
Second Row: Alyssa Styckiewicz, Brianne Brinkmann, Brittany LaPlante, Lilia Melnichuk, Jennifer Hensel, Jamie Colburn, Chelsea Blanchard, Rebecca Montano, Caitlin Paulin, Lauren Brown, Pratiti Nakrani, Daniel Masciotra, Kaitlyn Weyant, Cori Geiger
Front: Treasurer Christopher Ryan Peucker, Sergeant-at-Arms Steven Costa, Secretary Regina Sibilia, Vice President Kimberly Dorans, President Elizabeth MacFadzen
Missing: Emily Mias, Kristin Gill, Matthew Graham, Jeffrey LaZazzera

The National Honor Society consists of the top academic students at Agawam High School. Every spring, specific members of the junior class are inducted into this respected organization. Being inducted into NHS is a significant event in that it recognizes a student's 3.5-or-higher GPA, as well as one's rigorous class schedule and participation in a plethora of extracurricular activities and volunteer work.

The Class of 2009's addition to the association was an important moment in those students' lives. The organization's incredible advisors that handpicked these students included Mrs. Mouneimneh, Señora Sasso, and Mrs. Stevens. Shortly after the formal induction night, the fresh NHS members elected President Elizabeth MacFadzen, Vice President Kimberly Dorans, Secretary Regina Sibilia, Treasurer Christopher Ryan Peucker, and Sergeant-at-Arms Steven Costa. Almost immediately it seemed like the new members were getting involved in various volunteering activities. Whether it is organizing books at the Agawam Public Library's book sale or collecting money for charity, NHS is always working hard to better their community.

Then juniors recite their pledge to be good role models during their induction into National Honor Society.



A group of NHS students pose for a picture during the end of the year picnic.

Opus Bono Historiae

Back: Alyssa Doyle, Emily Barlar, Ashley Breault, Jonathan Forfa, Taryn Dooley
Third Row: Regina Sibilia, Megan Moriarty, Kristin Gill, Jordan Colon, Brittany Laflamme, Christina Hanke, Denise Gates, Daniel Masciotra, David Franco, Cory Roberts
Second Row: Garrett Asselin, Brianne Brinkmann, Zachary Dawson, Pratiti Nakrani, Elizabeth MacFadzen, Rebecca Montano, Gabriela Rossi, Lauren Brown, Dalton Ashwell, Chelsea Blanchard, Kimberley Dorans, Jennifer Hensel, Allyson Ripke
Front Row: Michael Counos, Carin Wagner, Kaitlyn Weyant, Steven Costa
Missing: Isabel Ablianitis, Andrew Barcomb, Brigette Barnhart, Alexandra Bonavita, Rachel Butt, Ronald Cabana, Victoria Carestia, Megan Chapman, Jamie Colburn, Joseph Frigo, Jacquelyn Gabriel, Kristine Gabriel, Laken Gendron, Janais Germain, Matthew Graham, Mehreen Hafeez, Katelynn Josefiak, Jeffrey LaZazzera, Brandon Learned, Corinne Lewis, Lilia Melnichuk, Emily Mias, Caitlin Paulin, Nichole Pelletier, Allison Plante, Victor Ronca, Michael Saccomani, Ilya Shamir, Sergiy Sukhyna, Nadezhda Suprunchuk, Kellie-Anne Suska, Amy Vermette, Alison Woods

The Opus Bono Historiae swelled in size as the Class of 2009's dedicated students handed in their applications. Also known as the History National Honor Society, Opus Bono Historiae is a driven group of students who have shown leadership and excellence in their history classes throughout high school. Advisors Mr. Jennings and Mr. Daley organize various community service events in which the members of Opus Bono can take part. The officers elected to stand beside these advisors includes President Steven Costa, Vice President Kaitlyn Weyant, Secretary Carin Wagner, and Treasurer Michael Counos. Raising money and collecting various items for the less fortunate are some of the activities in which the committee takes part. Although the students involved in this organization have proven that they have an interest in the past, they also show their interest for a better future by taking an active role in their community.

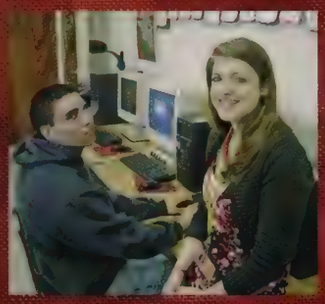
Co-Advisor Mr. Daley and Principal Mr. Lemanski announce the names of the inductees.

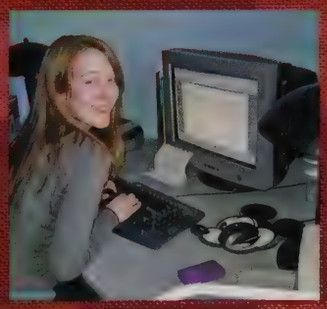
Alexandra Bonavita displays her new award proudly next to Co-Advisor Mr. Jennings.

Quill and Scroll

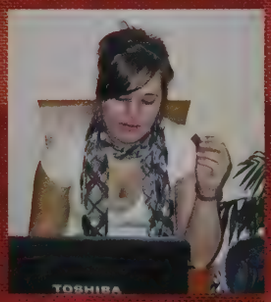
Back: Jordan Colon, Brittany LaPlante, Regina Sibilia, Ashley Breault, Michelle Curtis, Cori Geiger, Ms. Hines (advisor)
Front: Secretary Emily Mias, Vice President Rebecca Montano, President Alyssa Styckiewicz, Treasurer Brianne Brinkmann
Missing: Frank Sacco, Megan Moriarty, Michael Counos

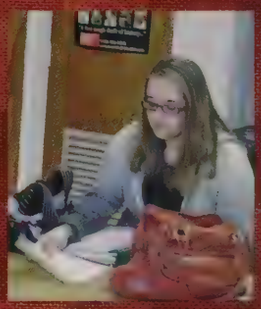
Quill and Scroll is an international honor society for high school journalists. The officers of the group this year are President Alyssa Styckiewicz, Vice President Rebecca Montano, Secretary Emily Mias, and Treasurer Brianne Brinkmann. The students accepted into this society are recognized as being in the top third of their class and involved in at least one journalism class, whether it is The Mirror, The Sachem, or the literary magazine, The Uniqorn. They also need to be recommended by the advisor or teacher of their journalism class. These scholars, as well as their parents, are cordially invited to an honorary induction dinner that takes place at Alexander's Restaurant in April. This year, thirteen students of the Class of 2009 were found eligible to join Quill and Scroll. Five of these students had worked diligently on the newspaper staff, and eight of the students had composed the 2009 Sachem. All of these students are academic achievers and greatly deserve this reward for their excellence in journalism.

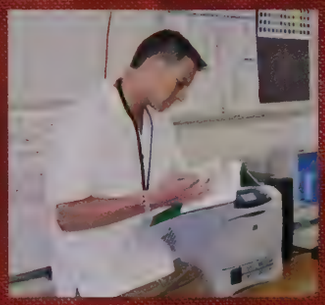


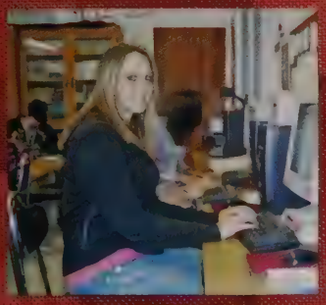


Emily Mias is hard at work creating an article for the yearbook.

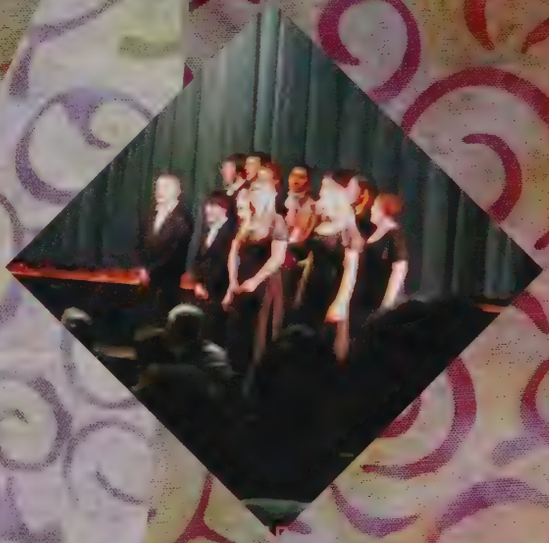






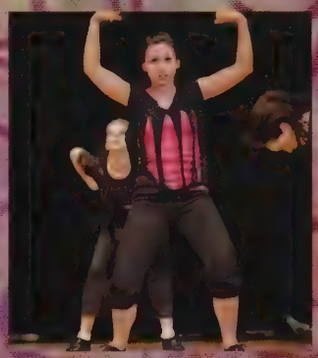


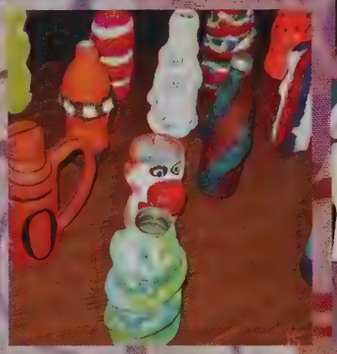
Members of the *Mirror* staff gather to read an article written by a fellow staff member.



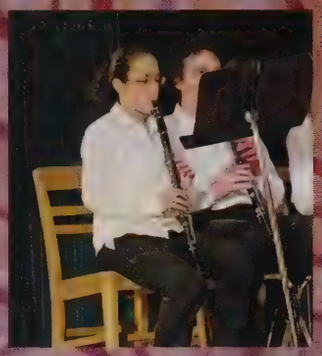
Performing Arts

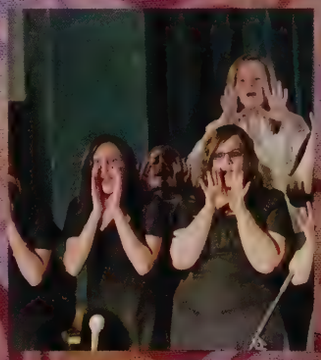
From the Art Festivals to the Marching Band, our school houses many great young composers. The Performing Arts deal with the theatrical and musical talents of our school's students. Many individuals are involved with this part of the school. This is the place where students with extraordinary artistic abilities flaunt their work and let their imaginations run free. The Performing Arts at AHS put on quite a show of our school's creativity and talents.

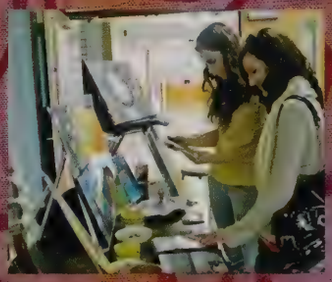




Spring Arts Festival



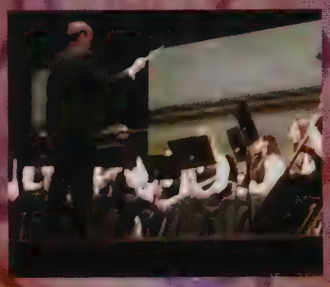
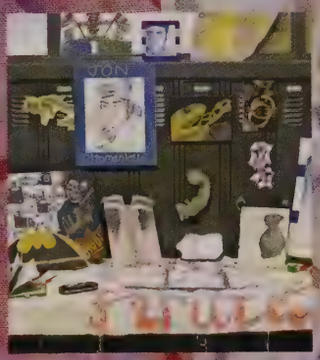




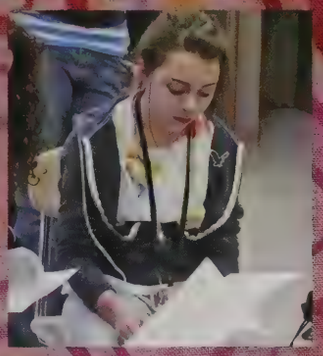
The Spring Arts Festival that took place on May 13, 2008 was a celebration that surely should not have been missed. Agawam's elite art students tirelessly toiled to have their hard work showcased during this night. Artistic expression flooded the halls through sculptures, paintings, sketches, and original photography. To raise money for Agawam's art program, hand-crafted cups and mugs were sold as souvenirs. Ms. Funk organized a wonderful musical selection featuring her Chorale, Honors Chorus, and Choreography groups. Clever staging was done for the audience's viewing pleasure, such as when penlights were used by the chorus in the darkened auditorium to represent fireflies in the Japanese firefly song, "Hotaru Koi." The Jazz and Concert Bands also performed a medley of amazing songs. Some of these renditions included an adapted version of the theme song from the comedy, "Family Guy," and lesser-known songs like, "We Shall Lift Lamps of Courage." Time flies when you're having fun, as everyone soon realized when the sensational music, art, and atmosphere of another AHS Spring Arts Festival came to a close.

Winter Arts Festival

On January 15, 2009, the rotunda of AHS was packed by six-thirty in the evening for the Winter Arts Festival. As the doors opened at seven, the auditorium filled students and parents craving a little culture. Eventually the lights dimmed and a hush fell over the spectators, and the crowd cheered loudly as Mr. Hueglin took the stage. He conducted five different beautiful pieces, starting with a lovely performance of the "Brighton Beach Concert March." Later in the evening, the Jazz Band wowed the crowd with various harmonious bits. The Chorale and Honors Chorus both sang wonderful recitals, proving their musical abilities and combined for a soulful performance of "Go Where I Send Thee!". The Honors Chorus did an amazing Irish river song, accompanied by Cara Mittler on the flute, Zoe Darrow on the fiddle, and Sam Einzig on the Bodhran. Walking around the main hallway is one of the most entertaining aspects of the Winter Arts Festival. The art that lines the walls and tables are the masterpieces of Agawam's finest high school artists. The students are a part of the National Art Honors Society, and their talent was most definitely represented by the drawings and paintings that they displayed so proudly. The Winter Arts Festival was surely a success, as the attendees of the event left feeling pleasantly entertained.

Honors Chorus



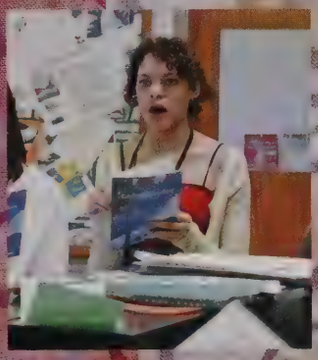
Members of Honors Chorus Include: Alycia Atkinson, Mary Kate Cavallo, Lindsey Croteau, Kristina D'Amours, Abigail Eger, Jillian Fedier, Shannon Foley, Taryn Frazee, Katina Fragassoni, Alyssa Fuentes, Michael Gruska, Breanne Hastings, Eric Holt, Shelby Isbell, Sean Jacques, Jessica Jenkins, Dimitri Kalaitzidis, Siobhan Keenan, Stefani Lallumine, Shauna Phillips Lamkins, Jordan Magnolia, Nicholas Martino, Cassie Maynard, Alexis Medina, Amanda Morin, Cory Putvin, Karisa Rarette, Azra Rahman, Danielle Rose, Chante Sessarra, Mark Simons, Caitlin Simpson, Daniel Sole, Mikala Wollmershauser, Byron Zinn

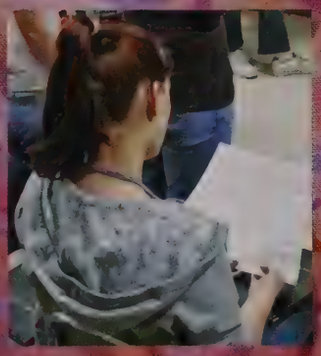
Honors Chorus is our school's largest and most experienced choir group. The class can be taken only after a year in chorale and instructor permission. The group is performance-oriented and works extremely hard throughout the school year. The students, as a requirement, must audition for the school musical, if one is held, and perform in a four-part group harmony every year. Singers should be prepared for many extra rehearsals, performances, and plenty of stage time. They partake in all sorts of fantastic recitals, including festivals, school musicals, concerts, and even outdoor events. Students develop their own pitches, rhythm, and sheet music interpretation along with the ability to sing within a large group—rewarding accomplishments after all of that effort.

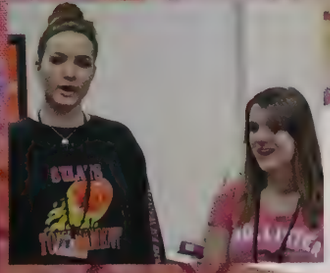
Chorale

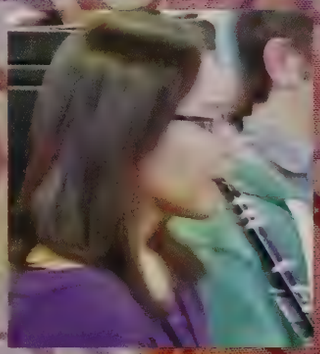
AHS Chorale is designed for any student who takes an interest in singing. Whether it is in front of an audience or just in the shower, if you like to sing, Chorale is just the class for you. It's a step down from Honors Chorus, but the class still requires dedication and a desire to sing. It is offered as an elective, and for students who aren't satisfied after just one year, the class can be repeated for credit. Chorale tries to create a low-pressure environment for students who are shy about singing in front of others to ease students into the performance setting. And for the truly dedicated students, auditions for Honors Chorus are easily scheduled.

Members of Chorale Include: Ashley Canello, Alisha Chechile, Lucy D'Ascolo, Rebecca Dunlop, Abigail Eyer, Kimberly Fiedler, Dominique Gordon, Samantha Howe, Gabby Leon, Tiffany Littlefield, Kaitlyn Noll, Lauren Osborne, Ariel Perez, Victoria Smith, Shakayla Therrien, Jessica Wentz, Jacqueline Zabik









Concert Band

Concert Band is open to anyone who has a love for playing woodwinds, brass, or percussion instruments. Luckily, if you want to continue playing throughout your career at AHS, the class is available to students for all four years during their course of study. Concert Band is designed in two segments- Concert Band and Honors Concert Band. In order to be in the honors band you must get consent from the instructor. Honors Band students must prepare an audition as well as a music theory portfolio. Players must be able to identify the parts of their instrument, assemble it, and demonstrate proper care all throughout the year. The most important part of the class is to learn how to play together in harmony. If playing music is your passion, then Concert Band is the key to your fulfillment!

Members of the Concert Band include: Isabel Alfonzo, Alyssa Abraham, Samantha Abraham, Gregory Auld, Richard Baculio, Victoria Bortolussi, Amber Brainerd, Eric Brown, Robert Caine, Ryan Clarke, Jamie Colburn, Steve Crosson, Joseph D'Agostino, Quiana Dickson, Brittany Duquette, Alyssa Fabio, Samuel Fanzio, Jennifer Farmer, Tazzy Frazier, Benjamin Fuhrer, Katherine Goulfren, Erik Goodhue, Vincent Graziano, Brianna Hurley, Amy Hutchinson, Brittney Kallipolites, Kathryn Lenihan, Ryan Lombardi, Kimberly Lynch, Danielle Marcoullier, Michael Marcadrelli, Matthew Mason, Daniel McKenney, Michael Meunier, Christian Mickey, Benjamin Miller, Cara Mittler, Ivanna Melnychuk, Lilia Melnychuk, Matthew Montum, Antonia Moore, Ryan Mulkern, Michael Newton, Alexander Paleologopoulos, Hannah Pender, Kayla Quinn, Christina Rain, Jeffery Rinaldi, Leticia Santa, Hyeam Shin, Shannon Stephens, Nicholas Talerico, Shane Thompson, Molly Tourville, Brian [illegible], Anthony Vatsinou, Douglas Vye, Leah Walters, Matthew Walters, Michelle Williams, James Wood, Justin Wright.
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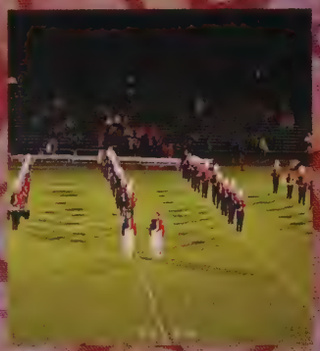
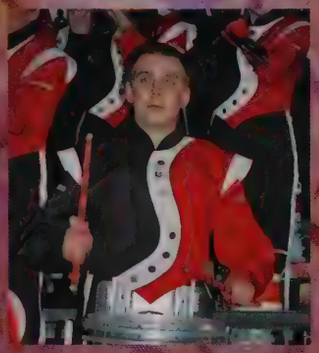


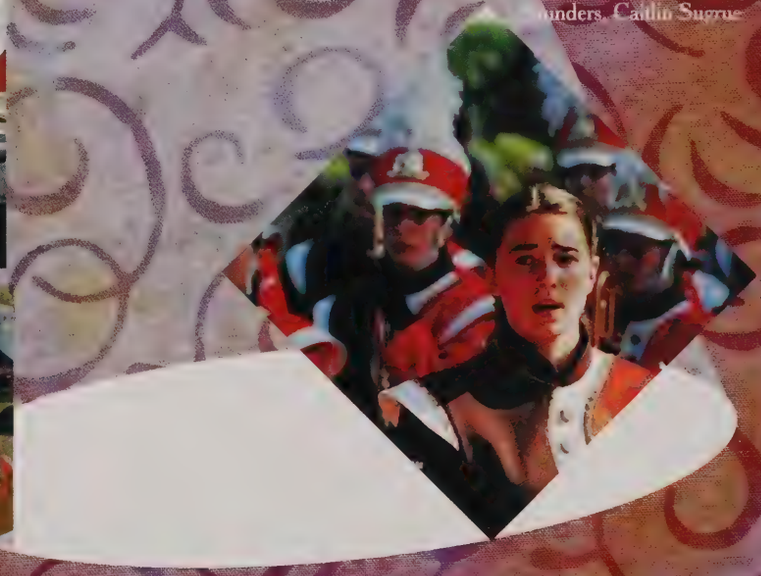
Marching Band

The Marching Band at Agawam High School is the band you see most often during your years at AHS. They are the band that performs at football games, school events, and the infamous pep rally. Dressed in the school's traditional colors of orange and brown, the Marching Band enthusiastically performs classic songs as well as more popular selections, such as "Stacy's Mom" by Fountains of Wayne. Without the Marching Band, led by Mr. William Hueglin, the spirit at AHS sporting events would significantly decrease, for Agawam always prides itself in having school spirit like none other. If you'd like to join the proud ranks of the Marching Mohawks, you will not be disappointed.

Members of the Marching Mohawks include: Isabel Abbiatti, Alyssa Abraham, Samantha Abraham, Gregory Auld, Victoria Bertolussi, Amber Bousquet, Eric Brown, Robert Calise, Jessica Calhoun, Stacey Conant, Joseph D'Agostino, Quiana Dickson, Brittany Duquette, Samuel Lanza, Alyssa Fabo, Katherine Geoffroy, Erik Goulbur, Vincent Gravano, Amy Hrynewych, Brianna Hurley, Britney Kalliptiras, Kathryn Lenihem, Kimberly Lynch, Danielle Marcouiller, Michael Marcouiller, Matthew Mason, Daniel McKenney, Jessica Melnichuk, Lilia Melnichuk, Michael Mercier, Christian Michel, Benjamin Miller, Antonia Moore, Matthew Mustano, Ryan Mullen, Alex Paleologopoulos, Hannah Pender, Kayla Quinn, Christina Rous, Jeffery Rovatti, Lenora Sarra, Dason Shin, Shannon Stephens, Nicholas Talicco, Shane Thompson, Molly Tourville, Brian Toussaint, Anthony Vassalotti, Douglas Vye, Emily Waters, Matthew Walters, Michelle Williams, James Wood, Justin Wright, Mr. William Hueglin, Director

Members of the Color Guard include: Benjamin Flynn, Anne Fydenkevez, Allison Saunders, Caitlin Sugrue





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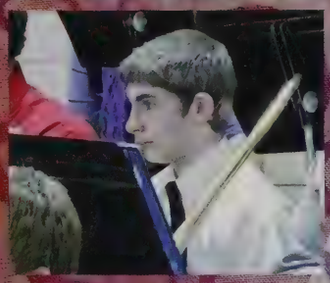


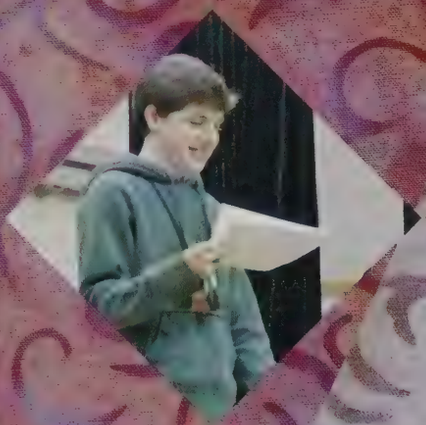
Jazz Band

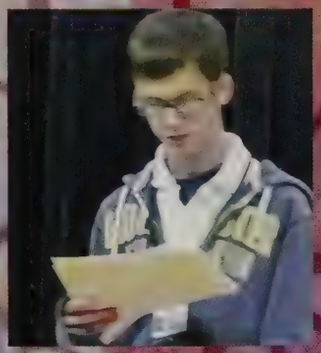
The Jazz Band is a select group of musically talented students. They combine standard band instruments along with the flare of jazz instrumentals to create a unique harmony. The class is offered for all four years if students wish to continue their study of jazz while a student at the high school. Contrary to public perception, the class is not strictly performance driven. Students learn music theory, history, and improve their listening skills. The Jazz Band also has the opportunity to perform with the Concert Band and Marching Band during school functions and events. Performances include concerts, jazz band festivals, and sporting events. Participation in the Jazz Band requires an audition with the instructor's permission. This process ensures that the members of the Jazz Band are of the highest possible caliber.

Members of the Jazz Band include: Alyssa Abraham, Gregory Auld, Joel Barlar, Samuel Einzig, Erik Combaire, Brittney Kallapolites, Ryan Lombardi, Kimberly Lynch, Michael Mascadrelli, Matthew Montesso, Antonia Moore, Ryan Mulkern, Leticia Santa, Dasom Shin, Brian Toussaint, Anthony Vannasinu, James Wood, Justin Wright, Mr. William Huestis, Director

Play Production

Back: Victoria Carestia, Brendan Baker, Ryan Lubel
Kneeling: Ms. Vallon-Jackson, Nicholas Gould, Brittany LaFontree, Alexander King
Sitting: Alyssa Doyle, Emily Barlar, Rebecca Impionbato, Matthew Pannenberg, Joseph Zello, Emily Gendron

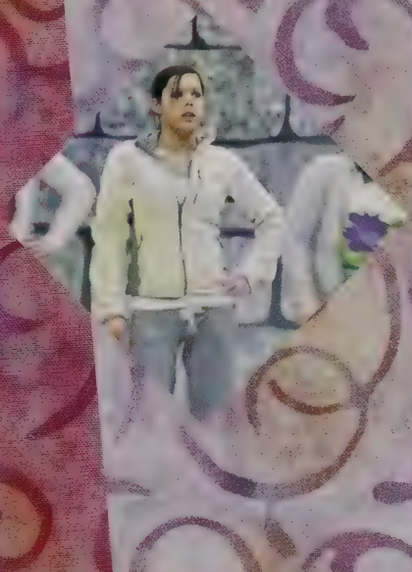




The students of the Play Production class are led throughout the year by the dramatic genius of Mrs. Vallon-Jackson. These students are constantly working to perform great theatrical shows for parents, family, friends, and students of AHS. They spend much of their free time memorizing lines and honing their acting skills. This year started off well for them with their performances of The Brothers Grimm Spectacular and they continued to shine like stars throughout both the Christmas and Valentine's Day skits. While it may be a shame that they could not get together with the Chorus classes to do a musical this year, good things are expected from their rendition of Robin Hood in the spring.

Choreography

Attention all dancers! Choreography is a class for any student wishing to learn the art of dance. While the curriculum for this course does sometimes go over dancing techniques, most of the time is spent not learning how to dance, but rather learning how to choreograph routines. During this full year course, Ms. Funk and her students prepare and perform dances for various school functions. At the beginning of the year, Ms. Funk organizes activities for the students to get comfortable with each other as dancing is a very open and social experience. Some functions that Choreography students participate in include the Winter and Spring Arts festivals. This year will contain the third annual Choreography Dance Recital, an event anticipated from the very start of the school year.

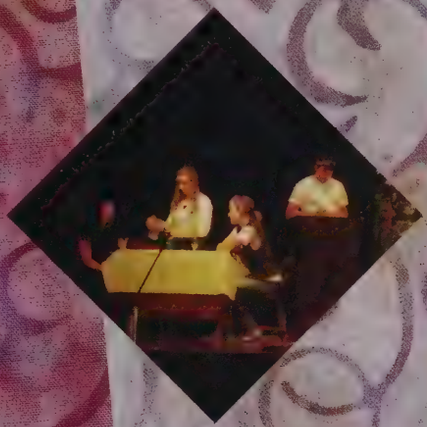


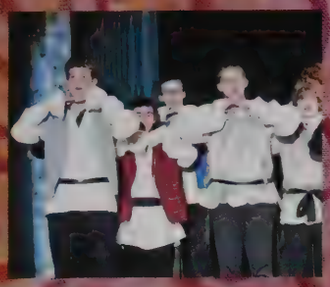
Halloween Play

Looks like the Brothers Grimm Spectacular wasn't so grim after all; in fact, the actors kept the crowd laughing the whole time. This year's Halloween play was a spoof on the stories that were written by the Brothers Grimm. These authors wrote a medley of some of the stories most familiar to our childhoods, including: *Rumpelstiltskin*, *Snow White*, *Sleeping Beauty*, *Rapunzel*, *Cinderella*, and *Hansel and Gretel*. Narrators Emily Barlar and Ryan Liebel guided their guests through the play by adding background information sprinkled with hilarious jokes. A scene mentioned often by people who attended the play was the One Man Show by Senior Matthew Rannenberg in which he performed a synopsis of *Cinderella* by himself, playing six different characters at the same time! Can anyone say multiple personalities? The play went very well and received many kudos from its attendees.

Holiday Skits

The holiday plays at AHS are anticipated every year by the entire student body. First came the Christmas Event, a silly play written by Mrs. Vallon-Jackson's daughter. In the comedy, Santa Claus, played by Phillip Vecchiarelli, had a bad dream consisting of a compilation of unfortunate events. Mrs. Claus, played by Alyssa Doyle, cheated on him, reindeers acted up, and there was a shortage of toys for the children. The play was performed a day before Christmas break, and it surely boosted the holiday spirit. Another exciting performance by the Play Production crew was the Valentine's Day play. The plot consisted of demonstrating extreme examples on what not to do on a date, from wearing a trash bag as your outfit to planning your future marriage and children. Overall, the play was exceptionally side-splitting and surely taught the audience what to avoid when out to dinner on Valentine's Day.

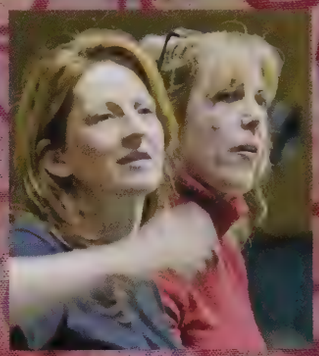
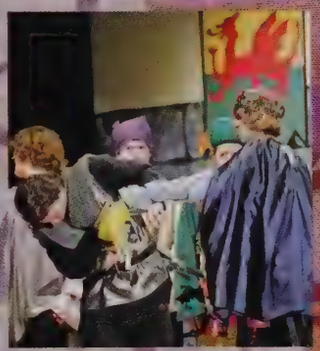


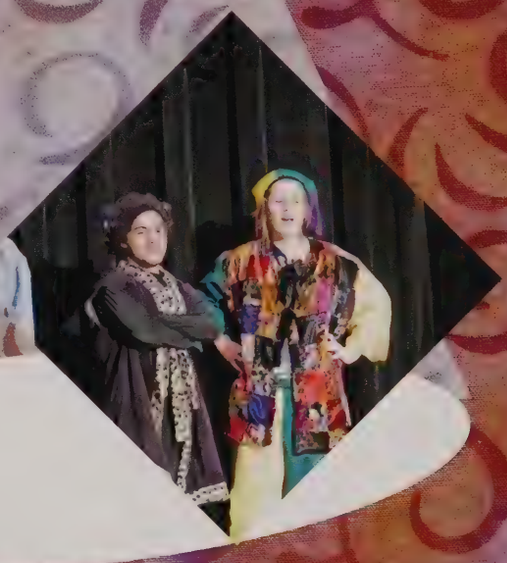


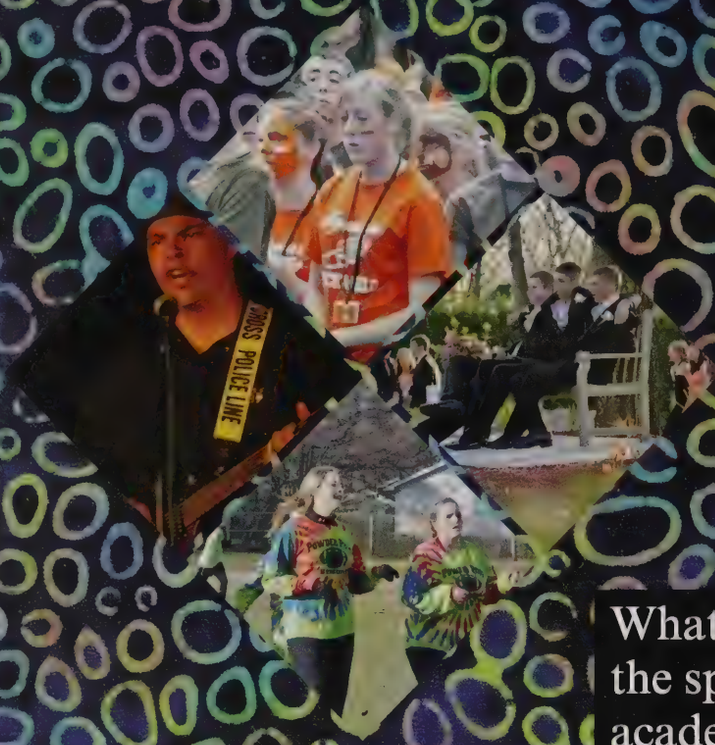
The High School Musical

For everyone that enjoyed reading The Princess and the Pea, Agawam High School's musical, "Once Upon a Mattress" was for you. Auditions were held, roles were cast, and the school got hyped up from advertisements posted in the halls for the show. The dedicated students of the drama and music classes worked hard to memorize their lines, lyrics, and choreography in preparation for the production. Long rehearsal sessions after school became a necessity for not only the actors, but also for the stage, sound, and lighting crews.

On the nights of April 3rd, 4th and 6th, many AHS students, as well as family and friends, flooded into the auditorium anticipating another wonderful production from the AHS Performing Arts Department. The set for the musical was vibrant, colorful, and extremely detailed. The members of the cast were very nervous, but as always, the Play Production and Chorus classes sang and acted unbelievably well. All three performances went without incident and each night the audience left with smiles on their faces and laughter in their eyes.

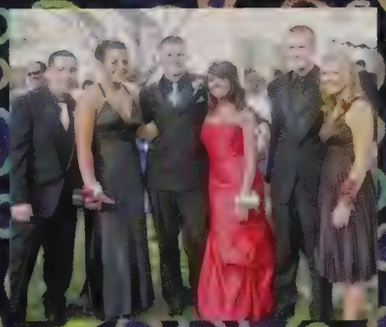







What would the school year be without the special events sprinkled throughout the academic calendar? As much as students look forward to SATs and AP tests, it might just be a little more accurate to predict they get pumped for, say, Orange and Brown Day or Agawam Spotlight. Agawam High School hosts multiple events throughout the year, keeping AHS as one of the coolest high schools around.

Special Events



An Undersea Prom

In Agawam, the beginning months of every year are filled with excitement and anticipation leading up to the biggest social event of the school year; the Junior-Senior Prom. On April 25, 2008, all of Agawam's finest dove into an "Undersea Odyssey" at the Log Cabin in Holyoke. Students were in awe of the intricate details of the decorations put together by the dedicated prom committee, such as a giant clamshell, a surf shack, a sunken treasure chest, beach balls, skim boards and fish embellishing the dance floor. Fish floating among flowers that resemble seaweed, shells and starfish adorned each table. Students were ecstatic when they found out that their favors were a freezer mug, a photo key chain, and gummy fish. All night long, couples posed for pictures in front of a three-dimensional ship with billowing sails, the S. S. Agawam.

To accommodate the expanding student population, the students danced the night away with their invited guests in two different rooms to the sounds of their choice; either traditional or hip-hop music. These members of the royal court floated around the deep blue sea to the night'S song, "Kiss the Girl."

Much thanks goes to the prom committee, the parent volunteers, especially Mrs. Cameron, and advisor Mr. Trahan. They truly worked overtime and without them, none of this would have been made possible.

Top Left: Nicole Cameron and Amanda Bessette assist peers in the seating arrangement.
Top Right: Advisor Mr. Trahan lets loose with then-senior Chris Walters. Both spent the day doing prom set up.
Bottom Left: A view of one of the two ballrooms as everyone settles down.
Bottom Right: The class officers of 2009 all dressed up.

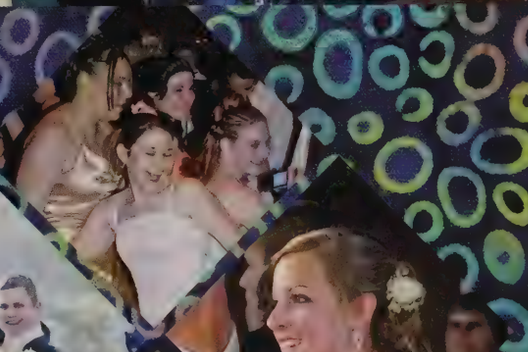
"As a sophomore, it was fun going. There were just a lot of memories with a lot of friends."
-AllyWitaszek, '10

"My favorite part was when Emily Sotolotto said the chicken was raw when it was really ham."
-Ryan Peucker, '09

Odyssey 2008

Top Left: Excitement ensues as the night continues.
Top Right: A group of friends pose for pictures on the front porch of the Log Cabin.
Bottom Left: A mass of students dance the "Cha Cha Slide".
Bottom Right: The 2008 Prom Royalty included Prince Matthew Graham, Princess Meghan McGuire, Queen Julie Gorman, and King Daniel Matroni

"We had so much fun. It went by so fast. It seemed like we had just got there when we had to leave."
-Ryan Muller, '09



"My favorite parts of prom were spending time with friends and dancing."
-Kamilia Misiak, '09

Orange and

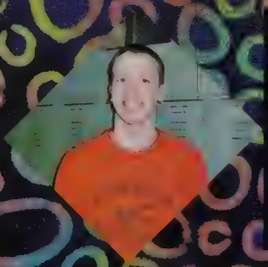
One of the most highly anticipated days at Agawam High School is Orange and Brown Day. Every year, the gymnasium is decorated with streamers, signs, and balloons. During the pep rally, it is not abnormal to see people with their faces painted with our school's legendary colors. Students wear many different fashion statements displaying their school pride, such as orange and brown bandanas and homemade tie-dye t-shirts. The band and color guard entertained enthusiastically with a great performance, and the cheerleaders tumbled into an incredible routine.

This year, there was a lot of pressure for the Seniors to win the annual school song singing contest and prove that it was their time to shine. All of the classes were led through a warm-up round and then everyone went for the gold. The Freshman battled the Seniors, and Sophomores faced off against the Juniors. By the time it was the final round, the Seniors and Juniors remained. Both sides tried their hardest but the judges decided that the Seniors were the victors due to their thunderous voices, school spirit, and charismatic attitude. Even though the Seniors were the champions, there is no doubt that all students are proud of and loyal to their school.

Top Left: The Class of 2012 scream their hearts out.
Top Right: The junior section of the gymnasium featured hundreds of balloons and streamers to demonstrate their pride.
Bottom Left: The freshman class has the opportunity to show their school pride by singing their school song, "Joyous and Ever Loyal."
Bottom Right: Band members keep the crowd pumped.

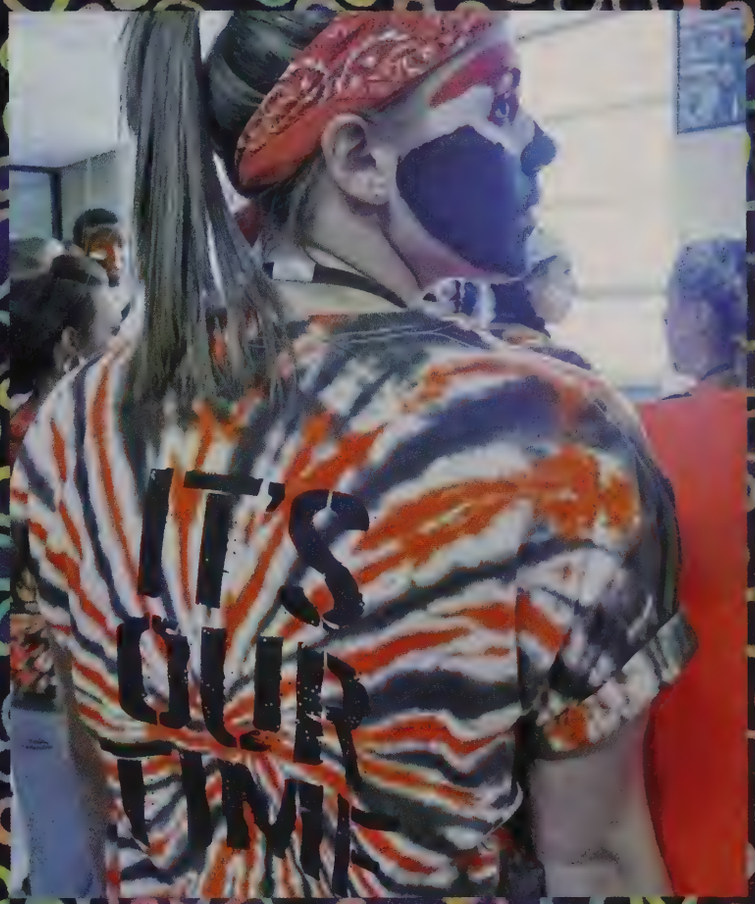
"Pep Rally was insane this year. The Juniors had the best strategy and we should have won."
-Nate Chartier '10

"It was really loud and you really felt the spirit!"
-Zach Benoit '09



Brown Day

Top Left: Seniors celebrate their "number one" status.
Top Right: Students dance to the band's rendition of "Jump On It."
Bottom Left: The Native American headdress was popular in this year's pep rally.
Bottom Right: The color guard puts on quite a show before the cheers begin.



"My favorite part was chanting the school song really loud. It was a lot of fun."
-Renae Bessette '12

"The Seniors '09 dominated, but it was great to see school spirit from everyone."
-Joe Frigo '09

Thanksgiving

Every year, the Agawam Football team battles our high school's all time rival West Side High in the annual Thanksgiving Day football game. This year the outcome was definitely not as planned, considering the seven-year losing streak of West Springfield. That didn't stop the team from trying their hardest and doing all they could to try and take the lead. One of the Brownie's best plays came on early, when quarterback Joseph Toto pitched behind him to Kevin Fruwirth, who in turn delivered a thirty-six yard toss to Andrew Cayer. The weather was bright and chilly, but the fans were feeling the heat as they cheered on the team play by play. Agawam's loss will only make the rivalry stronger as well as prepare the Terriers for an upset next year. West Side can break their losing streak, but not the spirit of our football team.

Top Left: Members of the band play their 2008 halftime show.
Top Right: The banner the cheerleaders made for the football players to burst through at the beginning of the game.
Bottom Left: Both teams struggle to get a hold of the ball.
Bottom Right: West Side players fly high as Agawam makes a run for the ball.

"Even though it was freezing, you could tell the guys were putting in their effort."
-Loradona Foley '09

"I had fun at the game. Even though we lost, it was a good time with friends."
-Gino Palazzi '12

Day Game

Top Left: Cheerleader Kara Franqueza '12 looks on at the difficult game.
Top Right: The Agawam team huddles to plan out their next play.
Bottom Left: Players upset after the Brownies were defeated.
Bottom Right: Agawam makes a long run down the field.

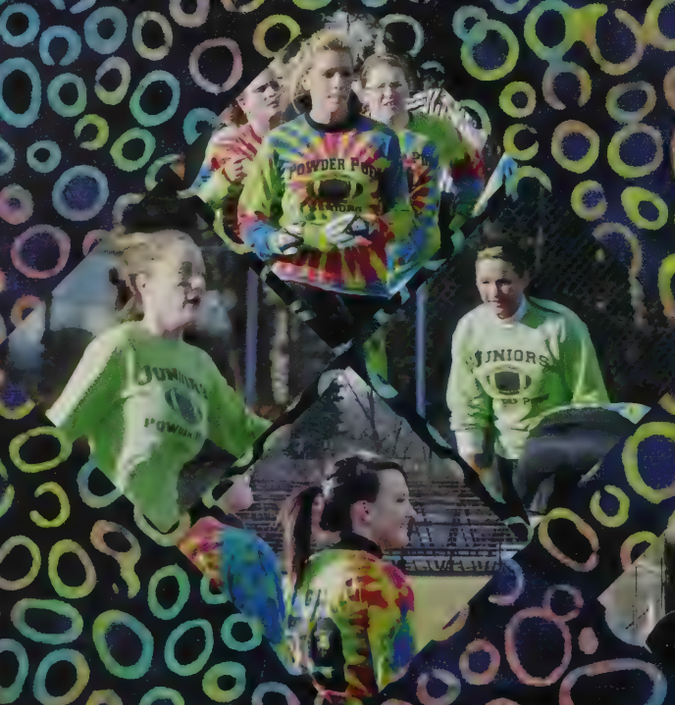
"It was fun, but it was sad that we lost."
-Ashley Fortier '10

"It was an unforgettable game even though it didn't work out."
-Jake Depalo '09

2008 Powder

Although the game was postponed due to weather, the 2008 Annual Powder Puff Game of Senior vs. Junior girls was an exciting one indeed. The Senior girls dominated, leaving the final score to be 12 to 6. Students filed out to the football field seventh period to watch the much awaited event. The National Honor Society held a concession stand for the students to truly give the game an authentic football feel. Hot chocolate and chips were consumed and cheers were made by the audience as the girls battled out on the field. Taylor Hartmann, the Seniors' quarterback, ended up making two interceptions and helping the girls to victory. Although the Seniors won, the Juniors most certainly put up a fight. At one point, Junior Ashley Cross recovered a fumble made by Senior Cori Geiger, giving the Juniors a temporary advantage. The Senior Girls' coaches included Frank Sacco, Justin Enriquez, and Scott Colby, while the Junior Girls were coached by Andrew Cayer, Joseph Toto, Robert McGeoghan, Kevin Fruwirth, and Patrick Murphy. Mr. Murray, along with students Mason Conlon, Shane Hope, Michael Paulin, and Brandon Richards, refereed the event to ensure a fair game. Although the Juniors were defeated, the 2009 Powder Puff Game sits in the future just waiting to be claimed.

Top Left: Seniors Samantha Rafay and Meghan Judd warm up for the game.
Top Right: The Juniors stand ready for their turn in play.
Bottom Left: The battle between the Juniors and Seniors continues as they fight for victory.
Bottom Right: Staying warm for the game is important when you're going for the win.



"Powder Puff was an exhilarating experience and the Seniors had fun kicking butt."
-Emily Wojnarowicz '09

"My favorite part was catching a really long pass from Taylor and getting penalties like illegal participation from the Juniors."
-Pratiti Nakrani '09

Puff Game

Top Left: Senior Brianne Brinkmann attempts to block Junior Erin Olson from proceeding to the end zone.
Top Right: The Seniors watch their victory play out.
Bottom Left: The fierce war continues as time dwindles down.
Bottom Right: Moving at lightning fast speeds, both the Seniors and Juniors coordinate perfect plays.

"Next year is a definite victory for the Seniors. We want revenge."
-Victoria Parent '10

"During the cold practices we would have donuts to cheer us up."
-Gina Iannuzzi '10

The Kid

Halloween, for seniors, is exciting for two reasons: the first being the insane amounts of candy (obviously), and the second being the Kid Party. The Kid Party is an annual Halloween party held each year for the senior class, complete with decorations, refreshments, and very loud music. This year was no different. Including a giant blow-up spider and bowls of candy lining the tables, the 2008 Kid Party was decorated enthusiastically. After a number of exciting events, such as Mr. Tatro being dragged onto the dance floor and joining Ms. Moriarty for a dance to "Brown-eyed Girl," the costume prizes were handed out. There were a myriad of prizes, ranging from Best Group, won by the Pink Ladies (Sarah Gallagher, Megan Moriarty, Delanie Sapelli, Lindsay Caroleo, Fitore Ahmeti, and Meghan Judd), to Cutest Costumes, such as the Bee and the Bee Keeper (Jamie Colburn and Zachary Benoit). The Best Overall category was swept by The Crayons (Cori Geiger, Jennifer Hensel, Michelle Curtis, Kimberly Dorans, Chelsea Blanchard, and Allyson Ripke), with their color-coordinated outfits they handmade themselves. There were plenty of other extremely creative costumes, however, like the Mariachi Band (Victor DeCaro, David Franco, Daniel Masciotra, Carlos Gomez, and Tyler Alves), and the Gorilla suit (Kevin Mallory) and Chicken suit (Zachary Mongeau). The seniors came together once again to celebrate a fun-filled holiday and showed just how creative the Class of 2009 can be.

Top Left: Zachary Benoit and Jamie Colburn dancing after winning cutest couple.
Top Right: Senior girls are having fun with their friends.
Bottom Left: Some senior boys keep it spicy by dressing up as Mexicans.
Bottom Right: Regina Sibilia and Laken Gendron as Mickey and Minnie Mouse.

"I liked everyone's costumes. They were very interesting."
-Jaleena Enriquez '09

"My favorite part of kid party was my short shorts."
-Jonathan Gardner '09

Party

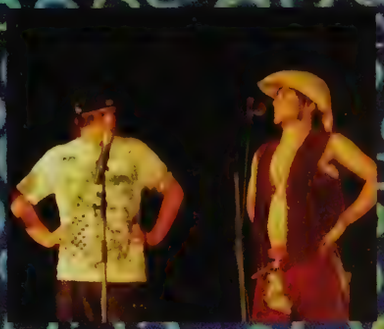
Top Left: Steven Costa and Matthew Graham as a boy on Christmas and Mrs. Claus.
Top Right: Senior girls pose as the Pink Ladies from Grease.
Bottom Left: Other girls dressed up as a colorful group of crayons.
Bottom Right: Jonathan Gardner and Amy Vermette as the two main characters from the popular film, Juno.

"Everyone was going traditional. Everyone was a "sexy school girl." I wanted to be a sexy chicken."
-Zachary Mongeau '09

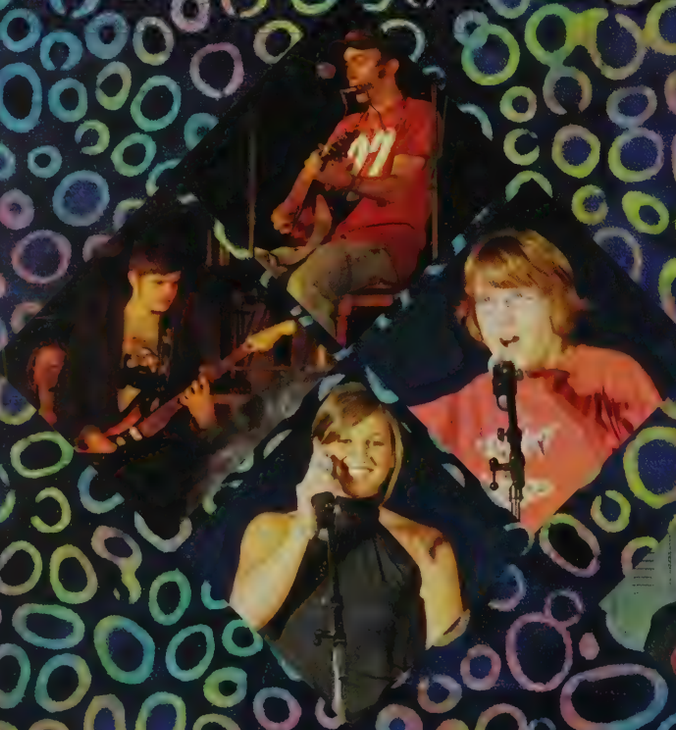
"I had such a good time. I just wish more of our senior class had gone."
-Arbresha Jakupi '09

Agawam

With a very appropriate name of "Agawam Rocks," the 2008 spring talent showcase displayed Agawam High's finest performers. The comedic introductions by hosts Ryan Liebel, Joseph Zello, and Anthony Stork kept everyone chuckling as the night progressed. "Agawam Rocks" had a variety of hits, including a very special premiere of the original song, "I'm Sorry" by James Wood, featuring Nick Ferreira on guitar. As a newcomer to the stage, current Senior Devon Mozdzanowski shocked the crowd with his stellar performance of "Moving Mountains" by Thrice. Current Seniors Jessica Szczepanek and Alycia Atkinson performed the Jackson 5 hit, "I Want You Back," as a splendid duet. Ryan Muller juggled his heart out to the tune of "Crazy" by Gnarls Barkley, an act not previously seen at Agawam High. Our school's choreography class also performed to "Ramalama" by Roision Murphey. As always, Ms. Sonja Funk directed the spectacular show, while the band gave the event its fantastic live music. The hardworking stage crew as well as the individuals who did the sound and lighting made both the stage and the entire auditorium aesthetically pleasing. The performances reminded all of Agawam's students just how much *Agawam Rocks!*



Top Left: Current Seniors Alycia Atkinson and Jessica Szczepanek sang "I Want You Back".
Top Right: MCs Ryan Liebel and Joseph Zello goofed around on stage.
Bottom Left: Current Senior Ryan Muller wowed the audience with his amazing juggling skills.
Bottom Right: Current Senior Emily Barlar played piano.



"Alls I have to say is drum solo."
-Jillian Roy '09

"It was awesome getting up on stage in front of everyone. I've been performing for two years. It's a rush."
-Joel Barlar '12

Spotlight

Top Left: Then Senior Nathan Lavotti dressed the part as he sang a Beatle's favorite, "Revolution."
Top Right: Then Senior Frank Payer put his soul into singing "Whipping Post".
Bottom Left: The Choreography danced to "Ramalama".
Bottom Right: Current Senior Devon Mozdzanowski impressed the crowd with his singing and guitar skills.

"It was a lot of fun to see all my friends performing on stage."
-Jessica Woods '11

"Jessica Szczepanek rules my world and I liked how all the people came together and performed their hearts out."
-Abbey Massaro '10

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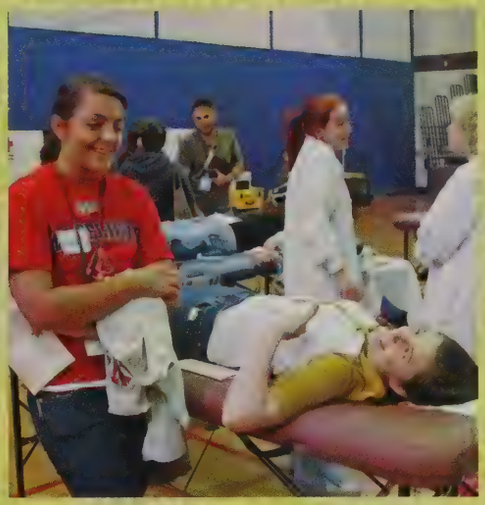
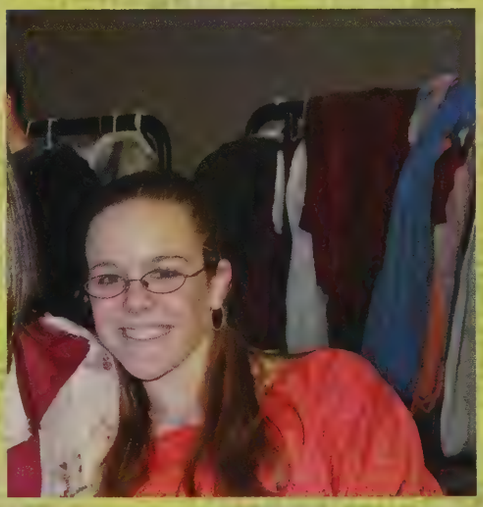


Why would you go straight home after school when there's so many clubs to choose from?

The diversity amongst Agawam's club scene is immense. From volunteering to skiing, acting to engineering, Agawam High has it all.



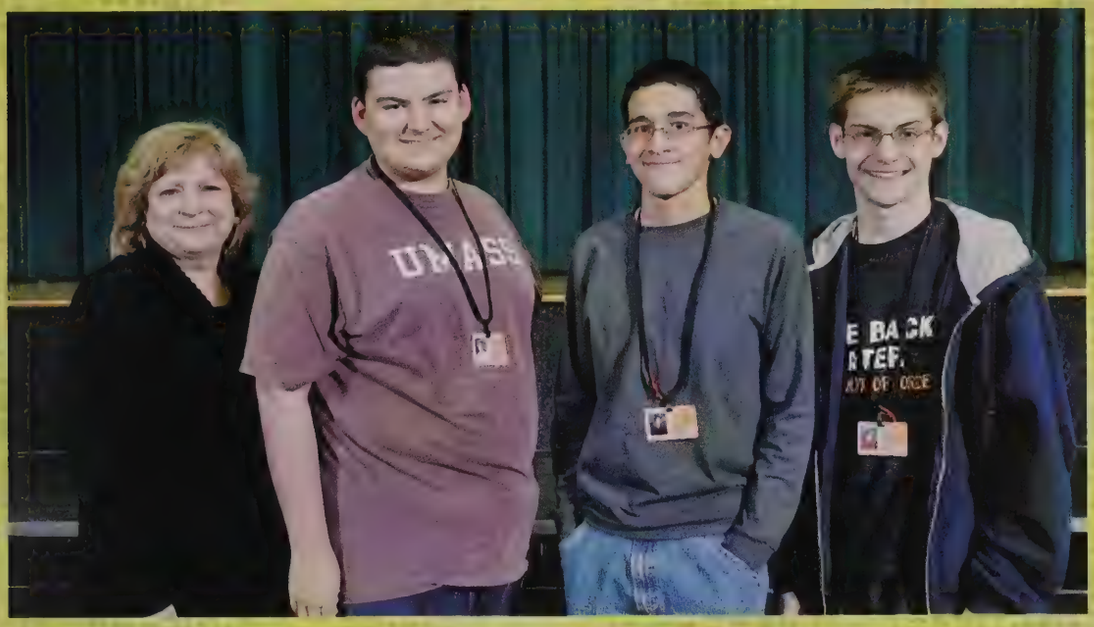
As Schools Match Wits

Back Row: Ms. Moriarty (advisor), Kimberly Lynch, Erin Mallory, Nick Cormier, Shaylene Riley, Mr. Bodurtha (advisor)
Middle Row: Amanda Bessette, Samantha Abraham, Alice Dao, Adriana Martinez, Alyssa Abraham
Front Row: Alexander Cassell, Kamila Misiak, Shannon Stephens, Brendan O'Brien

Everyone should be familiar with the local television show, As Schools Match Wits, but here is something you may not know: it premiered in the 1950's, making it the nation's longest-running quiz show. For those of you not familiar with the concept of this show, over twenty-five local schools, as well as some private schools, create teams and compete at various matches that are aired on our local PBS station, WGBY. To practice for these matches, club advisors Mr. Bodurtha and Ms. Moriarty organize games of Trivial Pursuit, and quiz the members on various factoids they come across that have the chance of occurring during one of their meets, which are filmed at Westfield State College. This year, the show is hoping to get syndicated to make it available for viewers nationwide.

Top left: Alice Dao is ready for any question that Ms. Moriarty or Mr. Bodurtha shoots at her.
Top right: Brendan O'Brien can't be stumped with Ms. Moriarty's tricky questions in a practice As Schools Match Wits meeting.
Bottom left: This club works really hard to make sure that they know all the answers when it comes to their next match.
Bottom right: Isabel Ablianitis answers one of Mr. Bodurtha's tough questions without hesitation.

Board Game Club



Mrs. Mokrzycki (advisor), Thomas Long, Gabriell Nunez, Brendan O'Brien

Top Left: Brendan O'Brien and Gabriell Nunez try to stump each other with a quick game of Mastermind.
Top Right: Thomas Long waits to make his move in the mind-boggling Mastermind game.
Bottom Left: Thomas, Gabriell and Brendan show off their favorite games that they play in the library every Tuesday.
Bottom Right: These boys love their video games. Gabriell shows Brendan how well he's doing on his game.

Board Game Club is one of Agawam's only social after school clubs. Mrs. Mokrzycki works hard all year to provide the students with a fun and entertaining after school experience that everyone enjoys. Students can let their competitive side shine through as they play games such as Monopoly, Cranium, and Catch Phrase. During Catch Phrase especially, the enthusiasm inside the library reaches maximum level when the students of BGC get into game-mode. The club meets every Tuesday in the library after school and new members are welcome anytime. The atmosphere during a meeting can go either way-sometimes the excitement and competition is refreshingly overwhelming, and sometimes it's just relaxing to play one of your favorite board games with some school friends you might not normally get to hang out with. Either way, BGC is intended to give students the chance to interact with their peers, have a laugh, and make some new friends.

Chiefs

Back: Michelle Curtis, Rebecca Montano, Zachary Dawson, Steven Costa, Michael Counos, Cori Geiger, Andrew Schnepp, Kimberly Dorans, Kimberly Hitchcock, Megan Moriarty, Maxine Dudek, Jennifer Kapinos, Antonia Moore
Front: Chelsea Blanchard, Kaitlyn Weyant, Denise Gates, Brianna Newton, Lauren Brown, Carin Wagner, Taylor Dawson, Kimberly Lynch, Heather Krassler

The Chiefs are our newest addition to the group collection at Agawam High. The Chiefs can often be seen walking the halls and wearing their shirts with pride. This group started off as part of Student Government last year, and branched into a group of its own when Mr. Lemanski asked them to help with this year's Freshmen Orientation. This request ended up snowballing into something much bigger. Their roles as Chiefs made a unique change; the upperclassmen offering help to the underclassmen and guests. They are supposed to be role models for all students. Once accreditation time came around, Mr. Lemanski called upon them once again. They came to school for the accreditation team's welcoming ceremony on a Sunday, and assisted the remainder of the week leading the committee through the school. They made the committee feel welcome and comfortable. Another great event these students helped with was the day of the concert by the Crazy James Band. Their job this time was to escort all the members of the band to the various classes they would be addressing. Chiefs also received a list of questions to ask to stimulate conversation in these breakout groups. Throughout various points in the year these students have become a great help in making the school a better place.

Top Left: Delanie Sapelli, Jennifer Hensel, and Andrew Schnepp wait for the freshman to arrive for their orientation at the beginning of the school year.
Top Right: Brianna Newton, Jennifer Hensel, Kimberly Dorans, Chelsea Blanchard, Cori Geiger, and Allyson Ripke hand out flyers and maps at the Freshman Orientation.
Bottom Left: The entire club helps show the freshmen around the school in the beginning of the school year.
Bottom Right: Zachary Dawson, Brandon Learned, and Michael Counos are great role models for the freshmen to follow.

Diversity Leadership

Back: Victoria Smith, Kelli Fieldhouse, Danielle Burns, Jonathan Forfa, Ms. Wright (advisor)
Front: Nicholas Magnolia, Katelyn Meyrick, Heather Smethurst, Stefani Laflamme, Christina Hanke, Mrs. Taglieri (advisor)

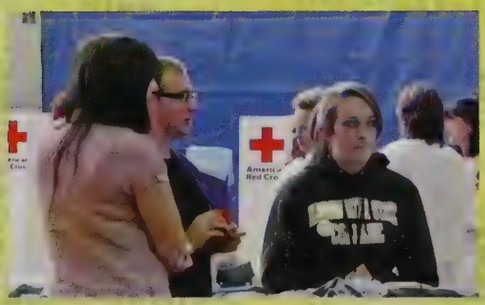
Top Left: Michael Hearn and Katelyn Meyrick share a laugh during a meeting after school.
Top Right: Chelsea Isom reads through the handout that Ms. Wright printed for the group to look over.
Bottom Left: Heather Smethurst discusses the school budget cuts with the rest of the club.
Bottom Right: Victoria Smith and Kelli Fieldhouse listen intently to Ms. Wright's speech.

Since its creation in Spring 2006, Diversity Leadership has had a huge impact on our school. In the beginning, the students of this club, along with the advisors, Ms. Wright and Mrs. Taglieri, brought awareness-raising workshops to Agawam. Northeastern University's Sport in Society sponsored these workshops, and people from this organization came and trained club members in teamwork, violence prevention, and human rights. Now the club has taken it one step further by starting to create activities for classes. The process goes like this: a teacher nominates one of their classes for an activity, and a pre-test is given to survey the class and see what issues are most prominent. A team from Diversity Leadership organizes a class activity catered to the pre-test and presents it to the class. Issues such as sexism, racism, heterosexism, and other prejudices are addressed via the class activity, which includes an ice-breaker game and class discussions. The students work towards accepting fellow students in the class by team games such as "The Human Pretzel" or "The Autograph Game." Whether it means serious discussions or simple awareness-raising games, this group is always on the move, trying to eliminate hate in our school.

Future Teachers

Back: Dalton Ashwell, Patrick Shea, Meghan McGuire, Stephanie Kudlic, Steven Costa, Jonathan Reidy
Front: Gabriela Rossi, Elizabeth MacFadzen, Chelsea Blanchard, Michelle Curtis, Brittney Struck, Victor Ronca
Missing: Alycia Atkinson

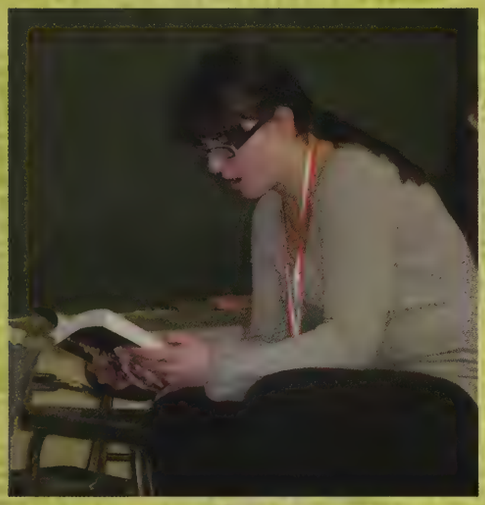
The Future Teachers of America club is designed specifically for students who wish to be a teacher in their future after high school. The Future Teachers organize a blood drive every year and put together an annual penny war for each class to raise money and compete against each other. The main goal of this organization is to inspire young adults in high school to be educators in the future and to give them the skills to do just that. The Future teachers raise money for the benefit of students such as a fundraiser for scholarship money. Have a knack for knowledge and teaching? Future Teachers of America can prepare you for your higher learning ahead, all while helping fellow students along the way.



Top Left: The Red Cross Blood Drive is always a big hit with the students and faculty at AHS. Elizabeth MacFadzen comforts her friend who is getting blood drawn for a good cause.
Top Right: Brittney Struck and Alycia Atkinson work the registration table at the blood drive.
Bottom Left: Future Teachers of America organizes and runs the Student vs. Faculty basketball game every year.
Bottom Right: Andrew Mattarazzo shows good sportsmanship during the basketball game.

Intergenerational Book Club

Mr. Bodurtha (advisor), Kara Fuller, Alice Dao, Kamila Misiak, Ms. Kundl (advisor)
Missing: Benjamin Flythe, Ryan Evelyn, Kimberly Lynch, Nicholas Magnolia, Carley Pelletier, Victoria Carestia



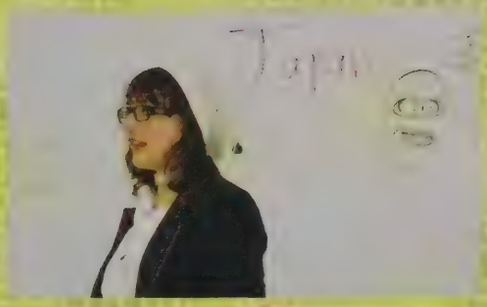
Top Left: Kamila Misiak plans on starting a new book once she gets through all the work she's doing for school.
Top Right: Benjamin Flythe flips through the pages of one of Madame Kundl's favorite books.
Bottom Left: Victoria Carestia enjoys a wide variety of books, however she recently began reading one called Benjamin Flythe.
Bottom Right: Madame Kundl has a great selection of books on the shelves in her room, which she loves to lend to her Book Club students.

Nowadays, a question that is often raised is "who still reads for fun?" Well, at Agawam High School, we have a book club full of teens who love to read, interpret, and discuss. Joining the book club is a great way to boost your knowledge of literature and read books that aren't on your classroom reading list. The members this year read books like The Collector By John Fowles, 19 Minutes by Jodi Picoult, and Galapagos by Kurt Vonnegut. The club is considered "intergenerational" because they read books from all different times, from the tales of the 17th century to the stories written by the authors of today. During the meetings, students volunteer their favorite parts of the novel or different aspects they found interesting. Themes, hidden meanings, and the authors' lives are often discussed. Students read the novels on their own time and come to the meetings ready to share their opinions and conclusions about the books.

Japanese Club

Back: Doug Vye, Daniel Lathrop, Eric Macomber, Antonia Skovorodina, Steven Muldrew
Middle: Bria Dooley, Amanda Messick, Jessica Harrison, Hayley Marshall, Jessica Jenkins, Kayla Quinn, Kyle Rivera, Alberto Feliciano
Front: Alice Dao, Tasya Ward, Danielle Marcoullier, Emily Hall, Brittany Howard, Alexis Medina Jr., Bianca Glass

Japanese Club is an excellent group for any student interested in learning about Asian culture and meeting friends with common interests. At a meeting these students read anime books and watch anime shows, which are cartoon fantasies based on Japanese culture. Often this is a great place for those who would like to trade books and DVDs of anime. On occasions these students will get together outside of school for parties where they socialize and play games like Guitar Hero or Dance Dance Revolution. Discussions on Japanese culture and traditions are often started and sometimes the members teach any new Japanese words they might have learned.



Top Left: Bria Dooley, an officer of Japanese Club, talks to the members about different kinds of anime they like.
Top Right: Officers Amanda Messick, Brittany Howard, and Antonia Skovorodina discuss a project that will be assigned to the club; it will consists of everyone's favorite anime.
Bottom Left: Emily Hall loves to draw and read anime!
Bottom Right: Christian Mickey and Adam Burinskas join in on the conversation about anime and Japanese culture.

Key Club

Members of Key Club include: Dalton Ashwell, Garrett Asselin, Brigette Barnhart, Chelsea Blanchard, Alexandra Bonavita, Lauren Brown, Victoria Carestia, Jordan Colón, Eric Colón, Karla Conte, Steven Costa, Michael Counos, Kate Cristelli, Alexa Currado, Zachary Dawson, Victor DeCaro, Kimberly Dorans, Megan Dupre, Steven Fielder, Jacquelyn Gabriel, Kristine Gabriel, Denise Gates, Kristin Gill, Mehreen Hafeez, Jennifer Hensel, Arbresha Jakupi, Siobhan Keenan, Brittany Laflamme, Victoria Langone, Corinne Lewis, Kevin Mangano, Gena Mangiaratti, Meghan McGuire, Rebecca Montano, Haley Muzzy, Caitlin Paulin, Victor Ronca, Delanie Sapelli, Eugenio Sapelli, Khalid Shehemi, Kaitlyn Sherry, Regina Sibilia, Katelin Therrien, Philip Vecchiarelli, Carin Wagner, Kaitlyn Weyant, Alison Woods, Brandon Chase, Matthew Graham, Brittney Twohig, Ashley Breault, Justin Miller, Jesse Vega, Allison Black, Ashley Picard, Megan Breault, Matthew Cassie, Victor Ciurleo, Ashley Clinton, Joseph Commane, Jamie Corriveau, Ashley Cross, Taylor Dawson, Dina Desai, Deepa Desai, Justin Dion, Alex Einzig, Steven Fleming, Caitlin Frazier, Jessica Friedrich, Kara Fuller, Elizabeth Gloster, Giselle Hernandez, Kim Hitchcock, Gina Iannuzzi, James Ivanov, Katie Jergensen, Jennifer Kapinos, Kara McCormick, Katie King, Heather Krassler, Karina Litvak, Morgan Lockwood, Briana Maggi, Cara Mittler, Anthony Montano, Karen Muller, Brianna Newton, David Olbrych, Kyleigh Oliveira, Erin Olson, Ricki Olson, Victoria Parent, Kevin Paulin, Mike Paulin, Carley Pelletier, Brian Piquette, Amanda Pittenger, James Regnier, Anthony Rescigno, Michael Stempel, Nicole Theroux, Alex Thomas, Scott Urban, Molly Uzar, Michael Vilkhovoy, Thomas Walker, Amanda Cummings, Maxine Dudek, Rebecca Schnepp, Justin Wright, Adam Howe, Nicholas Bonafilia, Jennifer Casinghino, Caitlin Allen, Abigail Asselin, Matthew Bassette, Emily Bouthiller, Taylor Coulter, Gina Carestia, Manuela Castrillon, Marco Ciurleo, Meghan Coogan, Bria Dooley, Christie Draghetti, Ryan Evelyn, Ben Flythe, Mia Ghedi, Gordon Hayden, Alexander King, Stephen Laflamme, Mari Leclerc, Michele Lemieux, Carly Michel, Brian Moriarty, Sean O'Connell, Gina Ouellette, Miranda Polaski, Jessica Polaski, Allison Saunders, Marisa Morassi, Ryan Labonte, Devon Mozdzanowski, Jenny Dudek, Amy Hryniewicz, Alexis Lussier, Stephanie Redmond, Samantha Hurley, Larisa Cassie, Sara Coache, Stacey Coogan, Lucy D'Angelo, Quiana Dickson, Megan Fanning, Alyssa Febo, Kaley Govoni, Caitlin Heer, Arianne Labonte, Audrey Moser, Katlynn Sullivan, Brianna Hurley, Brittney Cross, Christina Vilkhovoy, Stephanie Roulier, Alexandra Vatousiou, Tiffany Redmond, Megan Guimond, Caroline Daubitz, Cristina Zaffetti, Christina Antico, Erika Hayden, Emily Walters, Tiffany Littlefield, Alyssa Meade, Jeffrey Yelinek, Stephanie Zello, Kaitlin Dunley, Caelyn Carrier

Top Left: Regina Sibilia, Gina Ouellette, David Olbrych, Mari Leclerc, Steven Costa, Meghan McGuire, Thomas Moore, and Taylor Coulter welcome the accreditation team that visited Agawam High school.

Top Right: Stephanie Kudlic and President Meghan McGuire clown around while gaining community service hours.

Bottom Left: Tori Parent and Alexandra Bonavita bounce around at the benefit for Agawam's Officer Poggi.

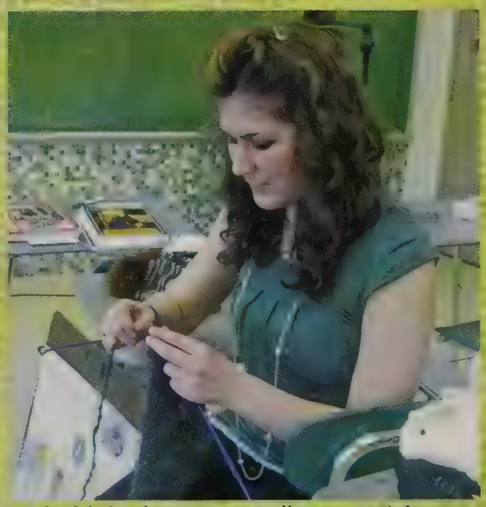
Bottom Right: Kyleigh Oliveira and Ashley Cross play a game of wiffle ball at the Agawam Polish Club.

The Key Club is a new addition to Agawam High. It's mission is to provide its members with opportunities to give back to their community, build character, and develop leadership skills. The club is an international club at many high schools where students must participate in six hours of community service per month, and it is by far AHS's largest club. Awards are also given to students in the Key Club who go above and beyond expectations. Students can achieve many different types of awards such as attending the national Key Club conventions. Anyone who is willing to give back to their community and has a flair for providing a helping hand would enjoy being part of the Key Club.

Knitting Club

Nicole Proulx, Antonia Skovorodina, Mrs. Kundl (advisor), Kamila Misiak

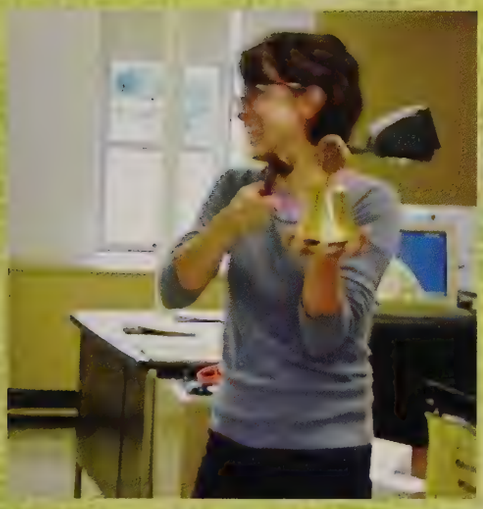
The Knitting Club at AHS provides a fun way to interact with other students after school. Madame Kundl, as the advisor of the club, guides the members as they knit useful items, such as scarves and hats. Even if a student has never knit before, he or she can learn this skill by coming to the Knitting Club. Members sit down with fellow students and teach them, step by step, how to turn those needles into magic making machines. This group is a calming and relaxing way to socialize and produce knitted items to be proud of!

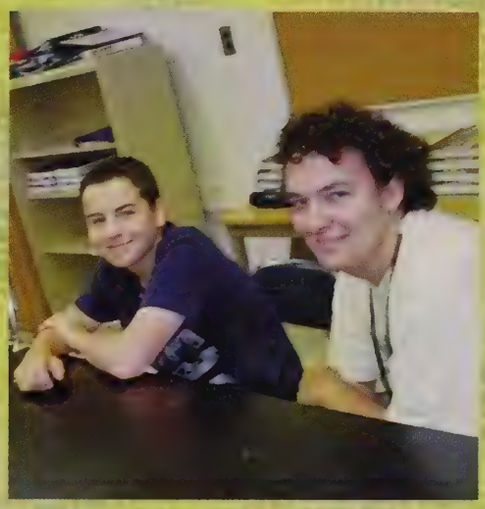


Top Left: Antonia Skovorodina learns how to hold the knitting needles to start her first project.
Top Right: Kamila Misiak teaches Antonia how to hold and weave the yarn around the needles.
Bottom Left: It's nice to have some warm garments to wear during the winter. These are a few items Nicole Proulx knitted.
Bottom Right: Nicole Proulx toils away on a six foot long scarf.

Leo Club

Back: Garrett Asselin, Kaitlin Ball, Kara Fuller, Nicholas Morassi
Middle: Jacquelyn Gabriel, Alyssa Styckiewicz, Ms. Waters (advisor), Jamie Martin, Kristine Gabriel, Dina Desai, Michael Masciadrelli, Eric Colon, Anthony Vatousiou
Front: Jessica Szczepanek, Samantha Sharkey, Jordan Colon, Deepa Desai, Ms. Watson (advisor), Heather Krassler





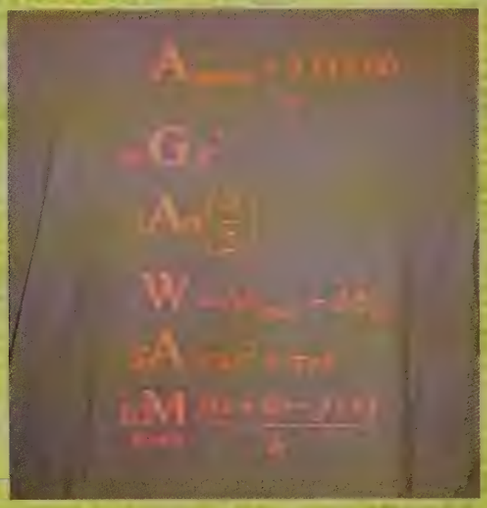
Top Left: Leo's president, Samantha Sharkey rings the bell to begin the weekly meeting.
Top Right: Michael Masciadrelli and Anthony Vatousiou attend every meeting hoping to get in a few community service hours.
Bottom Left: The entire club listens intently as Samantha Sharkey announces where and when the next community service project will take place.
Bottom Right: Gregorio Santa and Kimberly Hitchcock enjoy socializing at the meeting.

Leo Club is a recent club that was introduced to Agawam High School in 2007. The Leo Club is a junior branch of the Lions Club that mainly focuses its attention on community service projects and teamwork. Throughout the year, the Leo Club donates many hours of community service to Agawam and its surrounding areas. This fall, the Leo Club volunteered at the Big E and collected old eye glasses for re-use. "Helping out" is what the Leo Club is all about and any student is welcome to join. The Leo Club is also a great way to make a college application look outstanding. Just getting to know the people the group helps definitely makes this a worthwhile club to join.

Math Team

Back: Mrs. Tuthill (advisor), Amanda Bessette, Richard Gingras, Thomas Walker
Front: Anthony Vatousiou, Erin Mallory, Alexander Cassell, Kamila Misiak, Ryan Muller

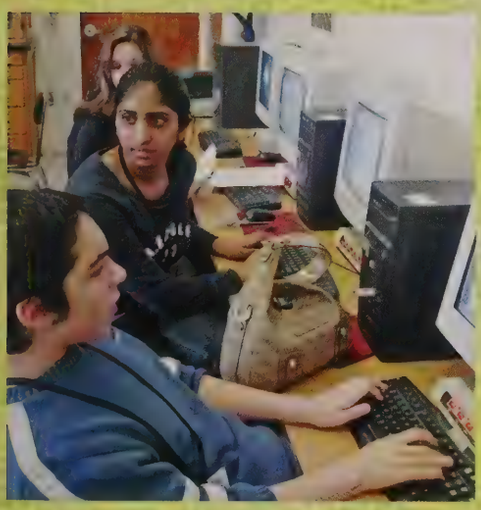
There are three kinds of mathematicians: those who can count and those who can't. AHS's Math Team consists of the first group. These dedicated students spend time after school preparing for organized meets and tournaments, where they compete against over twenty other schools in Western Massachusetts with up to six members per team. Each competing team consists of a maximum of three seniors and no less than one underclassman. Questions about anything and everything math-related are asked and the team members are supposed to answer them all within a time constraint. Some of the various categories include: Arithmetic and Number Theory, Algebra 1 and 2, Regular and Analytic Geometry, and Pre-Calculus with Trigonometry. These mathematically motivated mathematicians strive to do their best when it counts!

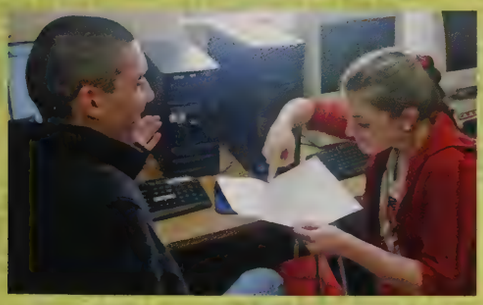


Top Left: Thomas Walker works out a calculus problem that he learned in class.
Top Right: Alexander Cassell, Kamila Misiak, Richard Gingras, Anthony Vatousiou, and Thomas Walker all explain that they, "love math because it is challenging and exciting when the problem is finally solved!"
Bottom Left: Kamilia Misiak joined the Math Team because she thinks, "math is radical."
Bottom Right: The Math Team recently designed new club t-shirts that they love to sport around AHS.

The Mirror

Back: Regina Sibilia, Kathryn Malone, Brittney Beaudette, Brandon Chase, Mariesa Negosanti, Jordan Colón, Ms. Davis (advisor), Daniel McKenney
Front: Ryan Evelyn, Deepa Desai, Lindsay Caroleo, Megan Moriarty, Valerie Lemieux, Delanie Sapelli, Gina Iannuzzi, Michael Counos, Heather Krassler, Brittney Struck, Danielle Burns, Rebecca Montano





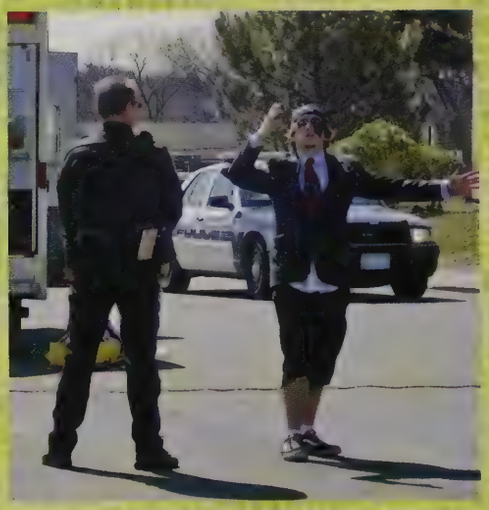
Top Left: It's a lot of hard work writing for The Mirror and Jordan Colon, Deepa Desai, and Heather Krassler all strive to make deadlines.
Top Right: Mariesa Negosanti and Valerie Lemieux work diligently to track down facts and sources for their stories.
Bottom Left: Rebecca Montano pinpoints right where Michael Counos should reword his concluding paragraph.
Bottom Right: Lindsay Caroleo, Delanie Sapelli, Megan Moriarty, and Frank Sacco work very well together on the Mirror Staff.

The Mirror is Agawam's own bi-monthly newspaper. The Mirror is created, edited, written, and designed by students for students and faculty. The newspaper consists stories of Agawam sports, clubs, and activities, world news with student opinions, community news, and upcoming events here at AHS. Graduates of Journalism I are the brilliant authors of this publication. The paper is reviewed by the advisor, Ms. Davis, and Editor Kate Malone. They check the paper for enthusiasm, dedication, and how well it represents AHS in writing form. The Mirror staff takes our school's paper to the next level by competing in contests such as the HCC Journalism Conference and the AIC Scholastic Press Forum. These students attend workshops throughout the year and work hard to deliver us news every two months.

Peer Leadership

Back: Amanda Bessette, Jacquelyn Gabriel, Daniella Grimaldi, Ms. Miller (advisor), Quiana Dickson, Mr. Tatro (advisor), Jaleena Enriquez, Brianna Hurley, Briana St. Peter, Erik Goodhue, Kelli Fieldhouse, Ashley Casiello, Jessica Niles, Maura Curran
Third Row: Alyssa Febo, Larisa Cassie, Valerie Lemieux, Michele Lemieux, Brittany Twohig, Kristine Gabriel, Brianna Janicki, Hannah Pender, Mia Ghedi, Amy Hryniewicz
Second Row: sitting: Jamie Colburn, Christina Zaffetti, Alexis Lussier, Brittany LaPlante, Antonia Moore, Emily Barlar, Alyssa Doyle, Stephanie Zello, Abigail Asselin,Manuela Castrillon
Front: Jonathan Forfa, Cindy Macaulay, Emily Wojnarowicz, Ryan Liebel, Kimberly Lynch, Alexander Cassell, Shannon Reardon

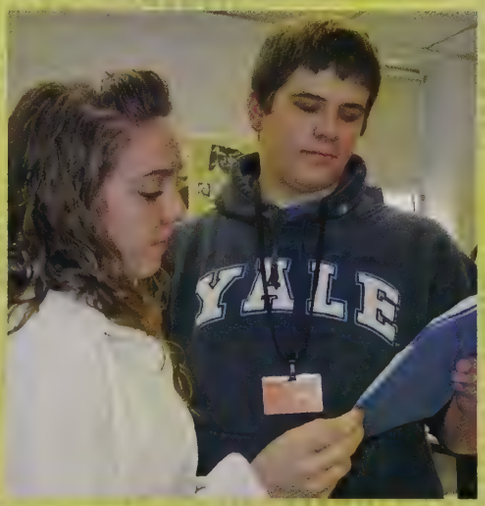
Peer Leadership is truly the place to be for any student interested in helping the community be safe. When joining this club, you must sign a contract agreeing to be a role model for your fellow students by not consuming alcohol or taking any illicit substances. Peer Leadership is one of the most active and involved clubs at AHS. Every year in April, the Peer Leaders put together a Grim Reaper Day in which students "die" to show the tragedy of losing a friend to drunk driving. In conjunction with Grim Reaper Day, every other year the students put together a Mock Accident skit around Prom time to let students see for themselves what can happen if they choose to drink and drive. Another activity the program organizes is an annual trip to the Agawam Middle School. The Peer Leaders perform skits, sing songs, and answer questions to help influence kids not to smoke, drink or do drugs before it's too late. These students help their peers in a number of different ways, and have made a difference in many students' lives so far. By properly using counseling skills and educating students on substance abuse, the members of the Peer Leadership Program hope to make a difference in our community and the lives of Agawam youngsters.



Top Left: Brittany Twohig and Marissa Gonet attend every peer leadership meeting.
Top Right: This club puts together the mock accident every other year right before the prom.
Bottom Left: Ryan Liebel undergoes a drunk driving test in front of AHS students, to show what can happen if you drive under the influence.
Bottom Right: Peer Leadership runs the school auction every year to raise money.

Peer Mediation

Back: Anthony Vecchiarelli, Cian O'Sullivan, Alexander Efstratios, Emily Brown, Garritt DiLuzio, Kaitlyn Weyant, Pratiti Nakrani, Steven Costa
Front: Nick Cormier, Carly Michel, Morgan Lockwood, Ms. DiStefano (advisor)



Top Left: Allison McCluskey, Jillian Newton, and Alexander Efstratios are great leaders, which is the reason why they were chosen to be a part of Peer Mediation.
Top Right: Karen Muller and Elizabeth Gloster practice talking out a problem between two high school students.
Bottom Left: Thaddeus Dobek, Kevin Fruwirth, and Anthony Vecchiarelli work on a poster that describes the mission statement of the Peer Mediators.
Bottom Right: Emily Brown and Garritt DiLuzio talk over a dispute between a teenager and his girlfriend and try to figure out how it can be best resolved.

At Agawam High School, when a conflict results in the worst, the Peer Mediators come to the rescue. The Peer Mediation program is composed of a group of students trained in conflict resolution for their peer's benefits. In high school, people are bound to have some problems, whether it's with family, friends, or themselves. This program provides students with one-on-one conflict resolution and someone to talk to anytime they're in need. Students are a little more comfortable talking to people of their own age about their problems. The Peer Mediation group is always open for any type of counseling, and more importantly, a shoulder to lean on.

Peer Tutoring

Back: Mr. Kandar (advisor), Nicholas Gould, Thomas Walker, Erik Goodhue, Shelby Isbell, Joshua Fisher, Amanda Bessette
Front: Giselle Hernandez, Azra Rahman, Shannon Reardon, Alice Dao, Erin Mallory
Missing: Abigail Asselin

Having trouble with a class? Help is closer than you think. The Peer Tutoring program, advised by Mr. Kandar, is designed for students who would rather be helped by students their own age than by sometimes intimidating teachers. Students can get special help from their own peers every Monday and Thursday and can even receive bonus points from some teachers for going the extra mile and seeking help. Students in the Peer Tutoring group do not need any special experience, just a knack for any certain subject and drive to help a student with questions.

Top Left: Erik Goodhue, Joshua Fisher, and Thomas Walker ponder the reasons why their peers don't have the courage to show up for tutoring after school.
Top Right: For fun, this club loves to play hangman. Azra Rahman tries to stump her peers with a tricky phrase.
Bottom Left: Shannon Reardon and Abigail Asselin work together to crack the challenges of English literature.
Bottom Right: Nicholas Gould makes sure his attendance is accounted for at every club meeting.

Prom Committee

Back: Mr. Trahan (advisor), Jaleena Enriquez, Emily Wojnarowicz
Front: Brianne Brinkmann, Brittany LaPlante, Ashley Breault
Missing: Zachary Benoit, Jonathan Forfa, Lauren Hayden

Top Left: Lauren Hayden and Ashley Breault work hard building trees for the Parisian park at prom.
Top Right: Jaleena Enriquez works on painting the trees to create the European atmosphere.
Bottom Left: Emily Wojnarowicz helps to put the finishing touches on over five hundred roses that will be a candy favor at the 2009 Junior-Senior Prom.
Bottom Right: Brittany LaPlante, Lauren Hayden, Emily Wojnarowicz and Jonathan Forfa hide behind part of the Paris cityscape in the workshop.

When looking back on the last two years of high school memories, one of the events that usually stands out in our minds is prom night. Agawam High School's Prom Committee works hard all year to design and create unique proms. Advisor Mr. Trahan and Prom Committee Manager Brittany LaPlante work with about seven other students to design and plan every aspect of the Junior/Senior prom. They build all handmade 3-D props, pick the menu, and use their creative ideas to plan the best prom atmospheres for the year end dance. This year the theme was European Rendezvous, complete with Paris, Venice, and Netherlands props, two differently designed ballrooms, passports, and even a moving windmill. These students start to work in the summer and continue to work hard all year to provide AHS with the most enchanting proms. Representatives at the Log Cabin have said that no other high school has put on such a grand display. AHS Prom Committee's creativity is unmatched and definitely undefeated.

Rosie Robotics

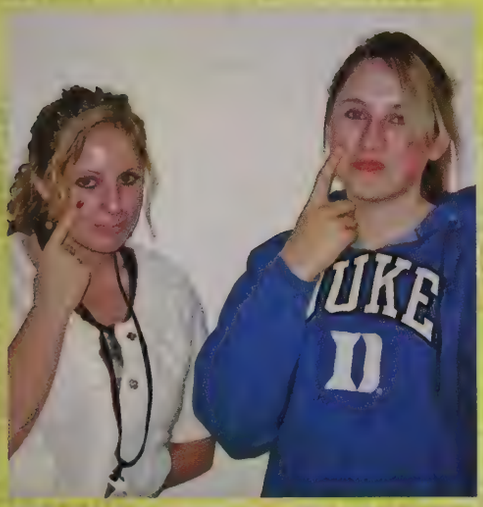
Back: Christopher Fontaine, Richard Gingras, Alexander Cassell, Breanne Hastings, Sarah Taylor, Emily Roundy, Kristopher Ziemba, Mr. Barry (advisor)
Front: Brian Toussaint, Anthony Hollywood, Amanda Bessette, Erin Mallory, Shelby Isbell

Rosie Robotics, advised by Mr. Barry, has definitely been one of the most successful organizations at Agawam High School. Rosie, the group's pride and joy, is the result of the club members' extremely hard work and dedication; she's a remote controlled robot with an amazing amount of technological features. In 2008, Rosie Robotics won the highest award possible at a regional event, The Regional Chairman's Award. That success gave the team the opportunity to compete in The World Championships held in Atlanta, Georgia. They didn't get there without effort, however; the team worked very hard to get Rosie in tip-top shape. A typical meeting for this group starts off with the business and facts, and then the team gets to the fun stuff, such as the organizing, constructing, and programming necessary to make Rosie work. The team normally breaks up into sub-divisions to get the work done. Amanda Bessette, a devoted member to the club, says her favorite part about being a part of the Robotics crew is the "experience. To be able to go through build season in six weeks, then compete with teams around the world, is amazing." From group cooperation to technical engineering, this team works hard all year.

Top Left: Justina Juzba and Michael Despang gather parts to make a machine.
Top Right: Jeffrey Schindler puts together the dynamics for his next big invention.
Bottom Left: Adam Kingan shows off his masterpiece to his fellow club members, Sarah Taylor and David Bedore.
Bottom Right: Mr. Cameron, Jeffrey Schindler, and Justina Juzba discuss how to make their creation come alive for the next Rosie Robotics battle.

S.A.D.D.

Ms. Fife (advisor), Jessica Niles, Alyssa Styckiewicz, Brianne Brinkmann, Christopher Ryan Peucker, Thomas Long
Missing: Katie Fife, Shannon Foley, Shannon Reardon, Karen Tang



Top Left: Jessica Niles and Katie Fife joined this club to help raise awareness of the dangers of drunk driving.
Top Right: The red ribbon symbolizes making good choices and learning to live above the influence of drugs and alcohol.
Bottom Left: Shannon Foley and Karen Tang help cut the red ribbon to support S.A.D.D. They both explain that they "love the fact that this club shows that AHS's students have good character and care about their future."
Bottom Right: The Vice President of S.A.D.D., Christopher Ryan Peucker, enjoyed the candle light vigil that this club sponsored in 2008 to remember the students of AHS who had passed away in recent years.

Students Against Destructive Decisions is a club led by first time advisor Ms. Fife. To aid Ms. Fife in her new quest to lead, there are the club officers including President Brianne Brinkmann, Vice President Christopher Ryan Peucker, as well as Secretary / Treasurer Alyssa Styckiewicz. These students lead many events throughout the year, including some of the most popular. Red Ribbon Week is well-known to most Agawam High students, and this year was especially important because Mayor Susan Dawson declared it a city-wide event. During the entire last week of October, people wore red ribbons to symbolize their decision to abstain from drugs and other unsafe activities. S.A.D.D. created a wonderful display advertising that week in the showcase in the rotunda. This club hosts a candle light vigil as a memorial to all Agawam High students who had tragically passed. This tradition started two years ago in honor of Jason Olbrych and his untimely death. These students are dedicated to urging others to make good choices in their daily lives.

S.A.V.E.

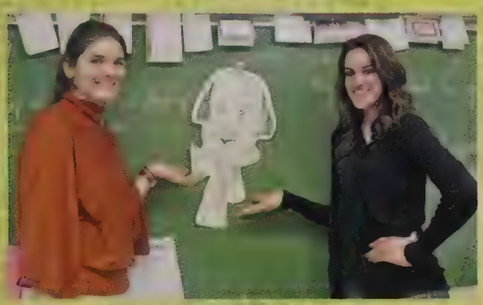
Back: Ilya Shamir, Jacqueline Bakhtiar, Brianna Nemeth, Abigail Massaro, Benjamin Fish, Alexis Lovechio, Anna Matys, Jennifer Dudek, Samantha Hurley, Eric Colón
Front: Mrs. Bobskill (advisor), Brittany Luvera, Rebecca Montano, Alice Dao, Jordan Colón, Danielle Kodess, Celina Marasi, Lauren Osborne, Ryan Muller

Students Against Violating the Environment, or S.A.V.E. for short, is an eco-awareness club here at Agawam High School. Students, as well as advisor Mrs. Bertone-Gross, do numerous activities and volunteer work all throughout the year to help keep the school and community clean and aware about environmental issues. This year, students participated in helping to clean up the Connecticut River by collecting trash and debris from the area along the waterway. They also learned how to safely climb trees this year during seventh period for eco-friendly fun. One of S.A.V.E.'s annual projects is their annual Walk to School Day where the students walk to school instead of driving or taking the bus to reduce the gasoline used for that day. Every little bit counts, and S.A.V.E. does a great job demonstrating how to be green, reduce, re-use, and recycle.

Top Left: Mehreen Hafeez, Katelin Therrien, and Alexi Lovechio talk "Green" with the rest of the club.
Top Right: This bookmark displays just one of S.A.V.E.'s many aspirations in saving the Earth.
Bottom Left: Brittany Luvera and Abbey Massaro display their paper origami.
Bottom Right: Ilya Shamir and Mehreen Hafeez drink a glass of milk to symbolize saving the cows without eating meat.

Shakespeare Society

Back: Gena Mangiaratti, Amanda Bessette, Azra Rahman, Alyssa Doyle, Regina Sibilia, Emily Barlar, Ashley Breault, Taylor Roberts, Alice Dao, Alyssa Abraham
Middle: Mrs. Mouneimneh (advisor), Danielle Kodess, Amie Fydenkevez, Kimberly Dorans, Rebecca Montano, Brittney Laflamme, Jennifer Hensel, Victoria Carestia, Samantha Abraham, Shannon Stephens, Christina Hanke, Brittany LaPlante, Nicholas Morassi, Laken Gendron, Kimberly Lynch
Front: Mary Marcil, Caitlin Paulin, Jonathan Forfa, Antonia Moore, Taryn Dooley, Kamilia Misiak



Top Left: Mary Marcil recites a monologue during the Shakespeare Assembly.
Top Right: Shakespeare Society's officers Kamilia Misiak, Antonia Moore, Jonathan Forfa, and Taryn Dooley model their vintage costumes.
Bottom Left: Azra Rahman and Taylor Roberts show off Shakespeare himself at a weekly meeting in Mrs. Mouneimneh's room.
Bottom Right: Shannon Stevens acts out a scene during Shakespeare Week.

All the world's a stage in the Shakespeare Society. Students who partake in this club simply have to have a flair for Shakespeare and a creative knack for theatrics. The students study the life of Mr. William Shakespeare and the plays, sonnets, and poems he wrote. The society, advised by Mrs. Mouneimneh, produces small scripts as they act out many scenes from Shakespeare's writings. All AP Literature 12 students are required to be a part of this club, but anyone who wants to put their creative ideas to use is more than welcome to join. This year, "Lord Chamberlain" is Jonathan Forfa and "Lady Chamberlain" is Taryn Dooley. The "Scribe" is Kamila Misiak, and the "Gavel-Banger" is Antonia Moore. Each year, the Shakespeare Society writes and performs a play, as well as sponsors the annual "Shakespeare Week" held at Agawam High. They also manage the Shakespeare Bulletin Board Contest, in which English classes design their own bulletin board portraying the Shakespeare play they read that year. If you enjoy reading Shakespeare and writing plays, this society is for you.

Ski Club

Back: Mr. Hollister (advisor), Joshua Goggin, Michael Stempel, Daniel Zhupikov, James Regnier, Cody Fitzsimmons, Joshua Fisher, Victor Ciurleo
Middle: Adam Howe, Nicholas Giusto, Erin Mallory, Nicholas Gould, Elizabeth Breault, Marissa Mias, Paige Moriarty
Front: Kim Hitchcock, Chelsea Blanchard, Jennifer Hensel, Ashley Breault, Veronica Berezenko, Brian Toussaint

The Ski Club is an exciting and remarkable club in that it provides a fun and affordable way to ski and snowboard with your friends. By signing up for ski club, a student is basically making sure their winter is going to be as fun as possible. The Ski Club travels to mountains near and far, including Bousquet, Blandford and Bromley. Whether they lounge in a comfortable King Ward bus on their way to a grand mountain, or squish onto a school bus towards a smaller one, the members of the ski club always have a great time hitting the slopes. Mr. Hollister and Mr. Consolini are the enthusiastic advisors who help organize the Friday trips throughout January, February, and March. The big Saturday trip is highly anticipated every year by the members. While on the slopes, the club has the freedom to fully explore the trails at their own level, while always acknowledging safety and the buddy system. Hot chocolate and French fries are some of the many things Ski Club members enjoy as they go on their trips to ski and snowboard to their heart's desire.

Top Left: Daniel Zhupikov and Nicholas Giusto enjoy a great night of skiing at Bousquet.
Top Right: Jacob Depalo, Kendra Albano, Kerri Egan, and Tyler Devoe love to snowboard and hang out in the Terrain Park at all the mountains.
Bottom Left: Kevin Mallory flies down the mountain on his board.
Bottom Right: Ski club gathers around the fire to warm up after a long night of skiing at Jiminy Peak.

Student Government

Back: Ashley Fortier, Molly Uzar, Taylor Dawson, Ashley Cross, Kimberly Hitchcock, Kathryn King, Brianna Maggi, Kaitlyn Weyant, Andrew Schnepp, Rebecca Montano, Brandon Richard, Dalton Ashwell, Chelsea Blanchard, Jennifer Hensel
Front: Kathleen Kraus, Jennifer Kapinos, Morgan Lockwood, Zachary Dawson, Michael Counos, Denise Gates, Carin Wagner, Cori Geiger, Kimberly Dorans, Brianna Newton, Mr. Murphy (advisor)

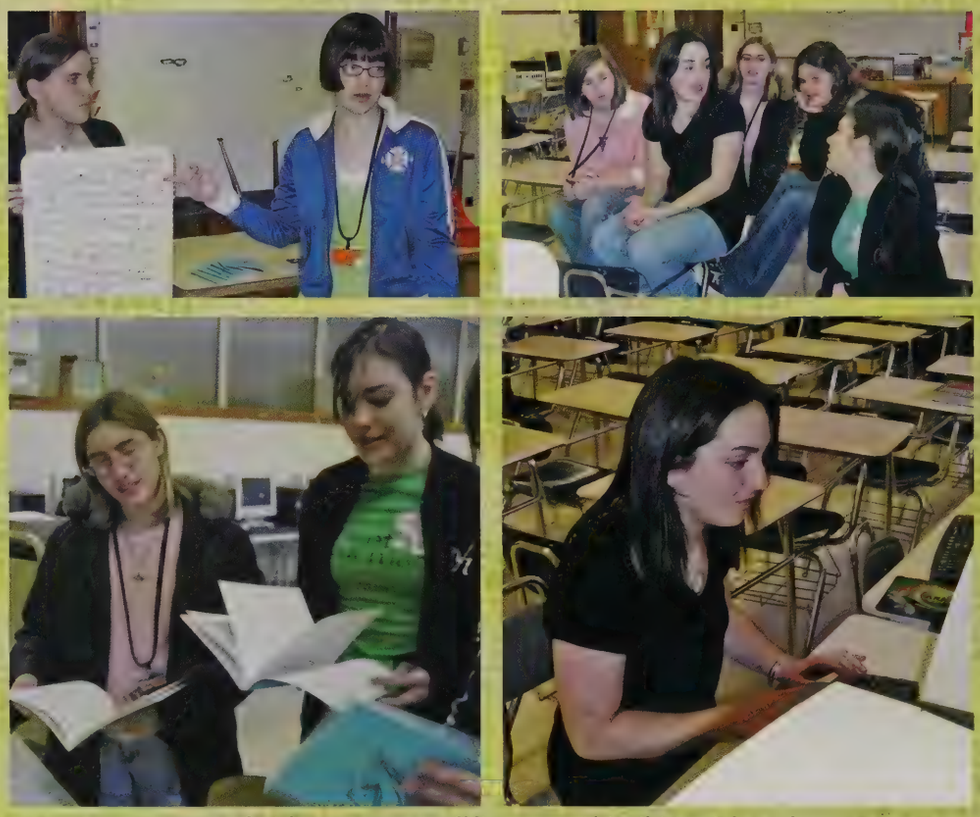
Top Left: Members of Student Government; Kathryn King, Carin Wagner, Morgan Lockwood, Kim Dorans, and Chelsea Blanchard walk the peer outside the John F. Kennedy Memorial Library.
Top Right: The Student Government listened to a debate between a Republican and a Democrat prior to the Presidential Election of 2008.
Bottom Left: Molly Uzar, Taylor Dawson, Ricki Olson, Brianna Maggi, and Jennifer Kapinos show off the new "Stud Gov" t-shirts.
Bottom Right: Michael Counos and Brandon Learned await to be split up into their discussion group to talk about the issues and concerns that high school students have about the government in today's day and age.

Student Government is an exciting group that is good for any student interested in politics and debate. One activity this group revived was Hat Day, an event that had been long forgotten. Stickers were sold for $1 a piece to students who wanted to wear a hat to school on a specified day. This proved a great fundraiser for the club and raised money for their Boston field trip. The field trip's purpose was to see a debate about this year's presidential election. These students also participated in debates with groups from five other schools about various important topics of controversy in our country. Some of these topics included: homeland security, the economy, abortion rights, and the war in Iraq. These students also hope to return to Boston to visit the capital and learn more about our state's government. With their field trips and activities these intuitive students love to learn about conflict resolution and problems in our country, perhaps some day one of them could be our President one day.

Uniqorn

Back: Shannon Reardon, Mrs. Moren (advisor), Abigail Asselin
Front: Jessica Jenkins, Rebecca Montano, Caitlin Ridenour, Amy Alaimo
Missing: Abigail Messick, Jessica Burkavage, Robert Calise, Carlyn Dahlke, Siobhan Keenan, Hayley Marshall

If you like poetry, creative writing, art, or just simply making short stories for others to enjoy, then the Uniqorn would be a perfect fit for you. Students who participate in this club are full of creative ideas that they love to publish and share. Anyone is able to join and all you need is a great imagination and the tools you need to get them on paper. Mrs. Moren and executive editor, Abby Messick, are very open to having new members anytime. The stories that the students write and the art that is designed are published in an annual magazine and distributed throughout the high school for peers to read and enjoy. The Uniqorn is a great window for imagination and inspiration for students.



Top Left: The Uniqorn staff listens to Abigail Messick as she presents the meeting's agenda held by Siobhan Keenan.
Top Right: During the staff meeting, members discuss how to gently tell students that their submissions may need more work before they can be printed in the upcoming publication.
Bottom Left: Jessica Jenkins and Jessica Burkavage review the newest edition of the literary magazine for future ideas.
Bottom Right: Shannon Reardon works diligently at the computer laying out the next edition of the Uniqorn.

The 2009 Sachem Staff

Standing: Christopher Drane, Brittany Sullivan, Ashley Breault (Business Manager), Daniella Grimaldi, Mr. Trahan (Advisor)
Kneeling: Regina Sibilia (Sports Editor), Alyssa Styckiewicz (Layout Editor), Emily Mias (Literary Editor), Morgan Lockwood, Cori Geiger
Sitting: Brianna Newton, Brianne Brinkmann (Co-Editor-in-Chief), Brittany LaPlante (Co-Editor-in-Chief), Michelle Curtis (Photography Editor)
Missing: Brandi Cooper, Jonathan Forfa, Kathryn King

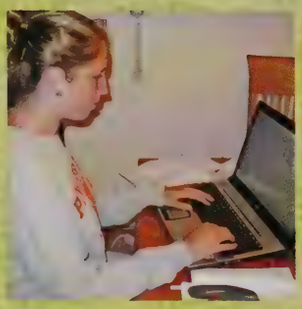
Sachem

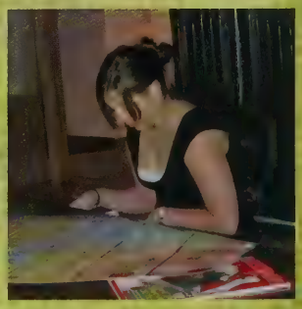
The Sachem staff is the mastermind behind the book that you are holding right now. Students involved in this class design, write, photograph, and create the whole yearbook for all to enjoy at the end of the school year. This year, Advisor Mr. Trahan and Co-Editors Brianne Brinkmann and Brittany LaPlante guided the staff throughout the year to create a remarkable book of memories for the Agawam High School students. The entire staff is composed of five groups, each with their own editor: literary, photography, layout, sports, and business. Literary Editor Emily Mias organized and constructed stories with the help of a hard-working staff. These extremely talented writers, Jon Forfa and Brittany Sullivan, typed away day after day to get club, department, and special event columns completed. Sports Editor Regina Sibilia worked diligently with Brie Newton and Chris Drane to compose stories regarding games, athletes, and scores.

Co-Editors-In-Chief
Brianne Brinkmann and Brittany LaPlante
These dedicated editors worked tirelessly at trying to make the yearbook you hold grammatically, historically, and visually correct. Their leadership skills were unsurpassed.

Layout Staff
Alyssa Styckiewicz (editor), Cori Geiger, and Kathleen King
The creative members of the layout staff put in an amazing effort into designing a completely original yearbook. Their layouts really made the book aesthetically pleasing.

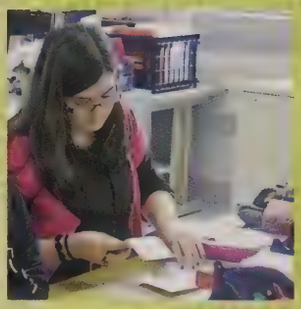
Literary Staff
Brittany Sullivan, Emily Mias (editor), and Jonathan Forfa
The dedicated members of the literary staff are responsible for the detailed stories on every page. Their writing made the book truly come alive.





Yearbook Journalism

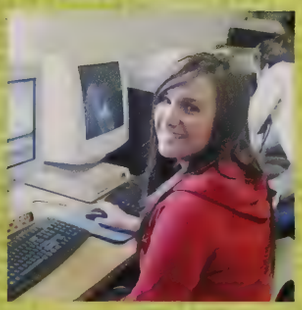
Business Staff
Brandi Cooper and Ashley Breault (manager)
These two staff members worked hard on selling yearbooks, advertisements, and senior salutes. Without the money they raised, we wouldn't have afforded extras that make the book unique.



Sports Staff
Brianna Newton, Christopher Drane, and Regina Sibilia (editor)
These sports-loving members made sure that all of the athletics were covered accurately, and that members of the teams were able to express their views on the teams' seasons.

Photography Staff
Michelle Curtis (editor), Daniella Grimaldi, and Morgan Lockwood
These three members of the yearbook staff took pictures of everything that went on in the school. From the Kid Party to math classes, these students took and identified pictures.

The Photography staff, with Editor Michelle Curtis, used their creative skills to capture the moments everyone loves to look back upon. Michelle, Morgan Lockwood, and Daniella Grimaldi could be seen throughout the year snapping candids and organizing club photos in the school hallways. The Layout Staff was directed by Alyssa Styckiewicz during the school year to compile pages with text and photos. With assiduous aid from Cori Geiger and Kathleen King, the staff constantly strived to meet deadlines and keep the yearbook looking snazzy. Business Manager Ashley Breault and Brandi Cooper dealt with the retail aspect of the yearbook, including sales, marketing, and the selling of business advertisements for funding. Being on the Sachem staff is a great experience for anyone who enjoys journalism, for the class offers many different ways to voice your opinion about the happenings during the school year.



Brianne Brinkmann

[bree-an brink-man] (n.)- a loud and enthusiastic senior at AHS that has a passion for music and a very unusual middle name.

see: crazy, purple, dependable, or Nanck

Being a part of the Sachem staff has taken up a rather large amount of time during the past two years. It has been stressful, complicated, and strenuous. Last year as a junior, I was chosen as the intern for the 2008 Sachem staff. I learned the ins and outs of the "odd ball" yearbook tasks, but I had no idea what being one of the Editors-in-Chief would entail. While it was a lot of work, and almost drove me to the point of insanity, it was 100% worth it.

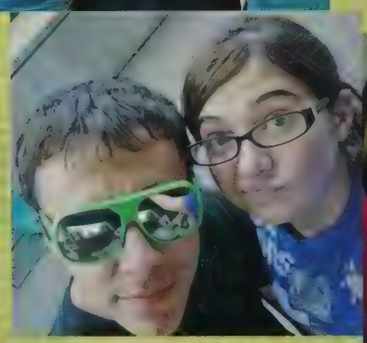
The Sachem Staff of 2009 is an extremely hard working group of people. Mr. T, you work so hard and I respect you so much for all the effort you put into anything you do. This book would have never been finished without you. Brit, I know things have been rough for us this year, but I do respect you and everything you strive to achieve. Thanks for being a great co-editor. To the staff editors, Alyssa, Emily, Michi, Ash, and Gina, you guys were so easy and fun to work with. You all worked really hard and made my job a lot easier. To the entire staff, from extra vacation sessions, with gallons of hot chocolate, to the endless proofs, the strenuous senior section to "Zebra Purple", you all worked really hard and this book wouldn't have been possible without all your hard work. I really enjoyed working with you all, and I wish you the best of luck in everything you do in the future.

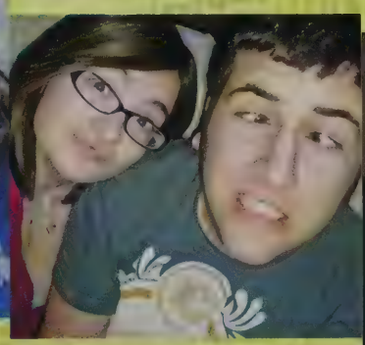
My family is definitely a huge part of who I am today, and I could never thank them enough. Dad, ever since I was little you told me that I was just like you, and you hoped that I would change. I blamed it on my middle name. But I love being like you, because you are a good person, and have a good heart. You are my true hero. Mom, you do so much for me on a day-to-day basis. From making me food to helping me study for tests, you go above and beyond anything I've ever asked you for. Ash, we may fight and scream, but you really are a great sister. I love you so much for I know no matter what you'll always be there to pick me up when I fall. I love you so much and I can't imagine my life any different.

I have been lucky enough to have the best friends anyone could ask for. Emmy, I can't even describe how much you mean to me. You are as much my sister as Ashley is. No matter what stupid fights we've had, we were always over it within a day. I literally can't remember a time or picture a time in my life without you there. Always remember "And as the years go by, our friendship will never die. You're going to see it's our destiny. You've got a friend in me." Ryan, ever since I thought your name was Adam, we've been best friends. Nothing will ever top the summers spent at your house playing volleyball by day and manhunt by night. Ali, you're an amazing person. You always listen to me when I need someone to talk to and you have an amazing talent for rationalizing my stupid complaints. Alyssa and Emily, you girls are crazy. You two can always make me laugh and want to dance. My boys and my protectors are Jon, Kevin, and Chris. You've all let me cry on your shoulder time and time again, and I thank you for that. To my friends, I love you all. Never forget the times we've shared, because I know I never will.

Surprisingly, this was one of the hardest things I've had to write. I started writing this when the class of 2008 graduated last June. And now, a year later, we are the ones who will be graduating. To the class of 2009, you are an awesome, rather large group of people and I know you will accomplish whatever you set your minds to. Just remember, we have the power to define our future.

"Here's to the nights we felt alive. Here's to the tears you knew you'd cry. Here's to goodbye, tomorrow's gonna come too soon."





Brittany LaPlante

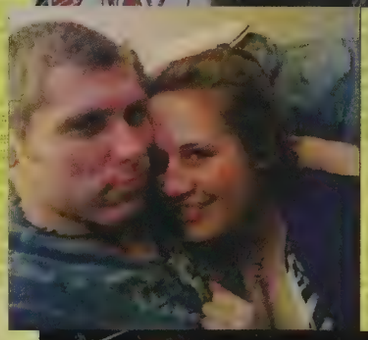
[brit-tah-knee la-plant] (n.) a determined senior at AHS that always speaks her mind and has a passion for dance and an abnormally large family. see: sparkle, blue, sarcasm or loyal

Well I never thought I'd be writing an editor's page because I never thought I'd be an editor until this past summer. It's been a long hard road creating this yearbook but it's also been full of fun and excitement. From "Zebra Purple" to Wild Ketchup Fonts, we grew as individuals and as a staff.

There are two people who the yearbook wouldn't have been complete without, our advisor, Mr. Trahan, and my co-editor-in-chief, Brianne. Mr. Trahan, you are the most dedicated teacher I have ever met. Without the work sessions we had with the staff editors over vacations, the boosts of inspiration in the form of gift cards and breakfast, and roping other teachers to help edit proofs; I don't know where we'd be, probably behind for every deadline and a lot of pages with the titles "This of That". Brianne, oh man, Brianne, it has been a roller coaster to say the least. Through everything that happened, we never let our problems outside of yearbook get in the way of what we needed to do. I thank you for being such a big person about everything. Despite the hard times, I had so much fun working with you.

I can't forget the rest of the staff! You guys were amazing. I never thought I'd see such dedication and creativity out of so many people. Staff editors, you definitely pulled your weight. Alyssa, you continually amazed me with your spunky and different layouts. Emily, your writing is some of the best I've ever read in my life. I could read a 20,000 page book if you wrote it. Michelle, your picture taking skills are awesome. You could really make something out of your photography skills. Ashley, you sold our yearbook in every way possible giving us the best financial opportunities possible. Regina, you worked unbelievably hard on the sports pages, doing things you didn't even need to. The rest of the staff, I am undyingly grateful for all the work you've put in. I can't wait to see what our current juniors come up with next year!

To my friends: I would be nowhere without you. Jon and Jill, you guys are the best friends I could ever ask for. You know absolutely everything about me and I can truly be myself around you guys. Jill, you have never once judged me and always know exactly what I'm thinking. I don't know what I'd do without you and your carefree attitude. Jon, my mo, my cartilage, there has never been a time where you couldn't make me smile. You're completely outrageous and I love every second I spend with you. Mason, you're absolutely amazing. You always know what to do and say. I've never met anyone who cared about everyone else as much as you. Steph, you've brought out my adventurous side since fourth grade. Ali, you just understand me. Andy, we always have an awesome time. Crystal, my "big sister", you give the best advice and always know how to lighten my mood. You all are amazing and I'll never forget the crazy moments we shared, and will always be there for you guys no matter where life brings us.



To my crazy, unconventional family: I wouldn't be the person I am without you. Mom, thanks for putting up with all my bull. You've stood behind me 100% with every decision I've made and I can't thank you enough for that. I'm glad I'll grow up to have your sarcasm and passion. Daddy and Annie, I love and miss you. You've showed me that it's important to be honest no matter what which really helped me get through the tough times. Katelyn and Allison, I miss you two dearly. Dad P, Noelle, Kelse, Jacob, and Max, thanks for toughening me up over the years. Craig, you always taught me to stick up for myself and I hope you know I look up to you. I love you all bigger than the sky.

I hope everyone who reads this page doesn't get too bored and likes the book because I can't tell you how much time and effort the staff put into it. Good luck Class of 2009!

Sport (n)- an athletic activity requiring skill or physical fitness and often of a competitive nature; such as baseball, softball, tennis, golf, lacrosse, wrestling, field hockey, soccer, volleyball, swimming, gymnastics, ice hockey, etc.

Team (n)- a group organized to work together. People who show good sportsmanship; role models or leaders in an organization. See family.

Goal (n)- The objective toward which an endeavor is directed. The finish line of a race. A specified structure or area into or over which players try to advance a ball or puck; the score awarded for such an act.

Victorious (adj)- Being the winner. Typical of expressing victory. A successful defeat of an opponent or obstacle. The state of having triumphed.

SPORTS 2008-2009

Sports are one of the vital factors that hold our beloved AHS together. For athletes and non-athletes alike, sports are one of the reasons that the school year is a little bit more fun and exciting. Without sports, our special events calendar would be significantly less thrilling. Playing sports is a good way to improve your social life, as well as work on leadership and teamwork. Even if you're not interested in sports, attending the games has always been a favorite of all students alike. Either way, you will surely add some fun and excitement to your life.

Right: Seniors show their spirit during the school song contest at the pep rally.

Middle Right: Even when not wearing orange, class pride shines through; just look at these senior girls during the powder puff game.

Above: The softball team huddles before the game.

Right: The student store provides all the orange and brown merchandise a loyal AHS student needs.

School Spirit

Everyone has at least a little pride in their high school, but here at AHS, a little pride is an understatement. From football to soccer and from chorus to the board game club, Agawam High's student spirit level is off the charts. Every year for the Thanksgiving Day Pep Rally, tons of students dress up in their orange and brown gear and join together in the gymnasium to get pumped up for the football game. Each section's deafening rendition of "Joyous and Ever Loyal" brings unbelievable amounts of class pride to the attention of the judges. The stands look like an ocean of orange and brown, much like when the school's various sports events obtain a large audience. Each sports team at AHS wears their uniforms to school on the days of their games, bringing the team spirit up and taking the school spirit to a new level. Artistic and musical pride is displayed during the school's entertainment events and art festivals, when a large amount of students attend to support others. Agawam High School's spirit and pride are evident throughout the year, whether it is athletically, academically, or artistically.

Top Left: Joseph Toto sets up to make a throw to first base.
Top Right: Nicholas Grassetti fields a grounder.
Bottom Left: After a big hit, Joseph Colitti slides into second base.
Bottom Right: The team huddles together after scoring a run.

Back: Coach Clark, Brett Barker, Cpt. Joseph Colitti, Colin Hensel, Tyler Toyfair, Frank Sacco, Ethan Rheault, Nicholas Sliech, Jheremy Brown, Andrew White
Front: Eugenio Sapelli, Jacob Kopyscinski, Frank Liberti, Cpt. Nicholas Grassetti, Anthony Morassi, Anthony Jimenez, Joesph Toto, Cpt. Andrew Randall, Victor DeCaro, Kevin Fruwirth

Colin Hensel hits a line drive with perfect form during a game against Longmeadow.

Back: Brandon Richard, Ryan Wheeler, Matthew Lemieux, Joseph Suffriti, Kyle Szatrowski, Robert McGeoghan, Cameron Paleologopoulos, Coach Karetka
Front: Kevin Wheeler, Adam Brown, Scott Urban, Brian Piquette, Justin Wright, Christopher Colitti, Dominic Serra

Left: A catch is being made by Joseph Toto to throw to first and make an out to end the inning.
Right: Tyler Toyfair and Coach Clark have a one-on-one talk about strategy to win the game.

Back: Dwight Koulgeorge, Andrew Walles, Joseph Powers, Ryan Labonte, Andrew Smith, Philip Preston, Richard Porfilio, Coach Denton
Front: Joseph Halpy, Christian Reed, Joshua Muzzy, Anthony Vecchiarelli, Anthony Nitri, Timothy Dean, Jordan Kuenzi, Christopher Murphy **Missing**: Shane Lafond, Samuel Romanko

Baseball

After last year's 16-4 record, many of the returning players were excited for the upcoming baseball season and were determined to win the Western Massachusetts title. Even though they had lost six of their key players, they were optimistic about the younger players coming up from junior varsity and what they had to bring to the team.

"Our chemistry was great because we'd all been playing together since little league," said Jake Kopyscinski. During the semi-final, East Longmeadow held a strong lead as Agawam struggled to stay in it. Despite their frustrations, the team stayed positive and came back in the top of the seventh inning to score nine runs and take the win. After this victory, the team was confident about their game against Westfield for the Western Mass title. Unfortunately, they lost, putting an end to their terrific season.

Though the season did not end as hoped, the team is confident that their success will continue and that next year will finally be the year that they win Western Mass.

"Getting pumped up for a game is totally mental; I get into a mindset where I am relaxed and focused."
-Ethan Rheault '09

"Our team went to Laser Quest together. I think that really helped us bond, and it was a lot of fun."
-Jake Kopyscinski '09

"The highlight of our season was when we came back in the top of the seventh and scored nine runs to beat East Longmeadow in the playoff."
-Joseph Toto '10

Player: Jheremy Brown
"Aggressive"
Position: Pitcher
Number: 9
Class of 2009

Jheremy Brown has been a vital asset to AHS Baseball ever since his freshman year. As a two-year starter on junior varsity and now a starter on varsity, he has always been one of the team's top players.

Jheremy started playing baseball when he was eight years old and loved it right way. "It's just really fun. It entertains me," he says. Due to his hard work and constant coaching from his dad, Jheremy quickly excelled at the sport. By the time Jheremy entered high school, his skills were already greater than what the freshman coaches expected. Because of this, Jheremy was one of two freshmen to be bumped up to the junior varsity team. Now on varsity, Jheremy is an avid contributor to every game. Jheremy hopes to fulfill his and his team's aspirations of winning the Western Mass title.

Due to his love for the sport, Jheremy hopes to continue playing baseball all throughout college. He says "I'm not sure what school I'd like to attend yet. All I know is that I definitely want to play baseball wherever I go."

Boys Varsity

	South Hadley	5-0	W
04/03/08	Northampton	4-5	L
04/07/08	Pittsfield	12-2	W
04/08/08	Belchertown	7-4	W
04/10/08	Chicopee	2-4	L
04/15/08	West Springfield	5-3	W
04/17/08	Minnechaug.	17-3	W
04/21/08	Central	7-4	W
04/24/08	Chicopee Comp.	10-3	W
04/25/08	Amherst	2-0	W
04/30/08	Cathedral	4-8	L
05/02/08	Holyoke	3-5	L
05/05/08	Longmeadow	2-7	L
05/07/08	Westfield	5-7	L
05/08/08	Amherst	**3-5**	L
05/12/08	West Springfield	3-0	W
05/14/08	Cathedral	7-9	L
05/17/08	Holyoke	3-1	W
05/19/08	Longmeadow	**11-1**	**W**
05/21/08	Westfield	**0-3**	**L**
05/23/08	Amherst	**3-0**	**W**
05/30/08	East Longmeadow	9-7	**W**
06/02/08	Longmeadow	3-0	W
06/05/08	Westfield	3-8	L
06/07/08			

Top Left: Goalie Michael Saccomani protects the net in a big game against Longmeadow.
Top Right: Kyle Craig carries the ball out of the defensive end.
Bottom Left: Jeffrey Footit makes a move to goal around the Longmeadow defense.
Bottom Right: Joseph Blais looks to make a pass in the midfield against the Lancers.

Back: Ryan Morrie, Scott Franqueza, Anthony Stork, Kyle Keeley, Nicholas Weiss, Andrew Barcomb, Mason Conlon, Devin Basile, Philip Scoville, John Kudlic, Kyle Craig, Colin Langlois, James Mackin, Robert Johnson, Joseph Roy, Nicholas Planzo, Joseph Milillo, William Krach, Shawn Roberge, Coach Scott
Front: Giani Depalma, Joseph Blais, Andrew Cayer, Thomas Borasi, Adam Gonyeau, Jeffrey Footit, Tajh Russell, Joseph Frigo, Sean Conway, Michael Saccomani **Missing:** Theodore Kopyscinski

Adam Gonyeau goes for a ground ball in tough game against Longmeadow.

Back: Anthony Montano, Ashton LeClair, Michael Billick, John Cowell, James Ivanov, Timothy Cosenzi, Michael Paulin, Michael Stempel, Charles Haggerty II, Nicholas Guisto, Nicholas Bonafilia, Ryan Liebel
Front: Thomas Matroni, Sean O'Connell, Michael Perrot, Christopher Lombardi, Kevin Paulin, Stephen Buoniconti, Joshua Mitchell, Adam Howe, Keven Brown
Missing: Matthew Knowlton

William Krach (left) and Joseph Frigo (right) have intensity in their eyes during the home game against Longmeadow.

Jeffery Footit is making his way **across the** field to get the ball.

Boys Lacrosse

The 2008 varsity lacrosse team ended the season with and overall record of 8-12. They may not have had the best record, but the team still wasn't overly disappointed with the season. Most of the games they lost were very close, but the team maintained a positive attitude and had a ton of fun. The team developed a close bond, which helped ease the pain of those tough losses. "We worked through adversity and had a great attitude about the season from start to finish," says Goalie Mike Saccomani. One upside of the season was the fact that they beat West Springfield twice, which really satisfied the entire team.

Everyone on the team agrees that they are improving more and more every year. Though they didn't accomplish their goal of making the post season, the team still held their heads up high in the end. They learned a lot from this past season and the returning players are very optimistic about the upcoming talent and the many wins that they know next season will bring.

"The highlight of our season was beating West Side twice."
-Kyle Craig '10

"My favorite memory of the season was our game against Longmeadow because it was the last time we got to play with the seniors."
-Devin Basile '11

"I love the sport because the game is fast paced, hard hitting, and an amazing game to watch and play."
-Mike Saccomani '09

Name: Nicholas Weiss
"Determined"
Position: Midfielder
Number: 23
Class of 2011

Nicholas Weiss entered his freshman year at AHS in the fall of 2007. A native of Springfield, Nick was nervous about going to Agawam, knowing how hard it can be to find acceptance at a new school. Despite his doubts, Nicholas strived to accomplish his goal of making the lacrosse team. Last spring, he displayed his skills to the best of his ability during try-outs and found himself a starting spot on the varsity team.

He started playing lacrosse when he was in sixth grade. "When I first saw it on TV, I knew I wanted to play," he said. He plays in summer, fall, and even in the indoor leagues during the winter. But out of all the teams he plays on, Nicholas claims that the AHS team is his definite favorite. "Being on the AHS team is like having a second family," he says.

Nicholas is not exactly positive about which college he would like to attend. His preference would be to go to Bryant University in Rhode Island, but anywhere he can play lacrosse will do just fine.

Boys Varsity

04/01/08	Minnechaug	1-11	L
04/05/08	Xavier	2-10	L
04/07/08	Amherst	2-5	L
04/10/08	West Springfield	14-6	W
04/14/08	Amherst	6-7	L
04/15/08	Westfield	4-10	L
04/19/08	Bellingham	18-1	W
04/22/08	St. Joseph Central	9-7	W
04/23/08	Northbridge	6-16	L
04/25/08	South Hadley	4-9	L
04/29/08	West Springfield	8-1	W
04/30/08	Cathedral	11-10	W
05/06/08	Northampton	6-5	W
05/09/08	St. Joseph Central	11-12	W
05/10/08	Wilbur Cross	8-2	W
05/12/08	East Longmeadow	9-18	L
05/14/08	East Longmeadow	6-13	L
05/16/08	Cathedral	6-10	L
05/20/08	Northampton	8-9	L
05/23/08	Longmeadow	3-18	L

Top Left: Cori Geiger looks to make a pass down the field in the home game vs. Longmeadow.
Top Right: Denise Gates takes a hard shot against the Lancer's goalie.
Bottom Left: Ally Ripke carries the ball past Longmeadow's defense.
Bottom Right: Lauren Brown keeps her eye open for a quick pass into the 8-meter arc.

Back: Coach Warner, Hannah Hellstein, Caitlin Paulin, Jamie Litchfield, Chelsea Blanchard, Ashley Cross, Katie Schebel, Allyson Ripke, Kathryn King
Middle: Heather Thompson, Morgan Lockwood, Brianna Newton, Colleen Keeley, Kaitlyn Weyant, Carin Wagner, Erica Turgeon, Katelyn Landry, Denise Gates
Front: Cpt. Lauren Brown, Cpt. Kayla Manzi, Cpt. Cori Geiger, Cpt. Mary Michaud
Missing: Mngr Joseph Pirro, Mngr Michael Coache, Mngr Meghan Costello, Mngr Paul Basile, Mngr Kyleigh Oliviera

Carin Wagner sprints down the field carrying the ball out of Longmeadow's reach.

Back: Courtney Rivest, Jessica Polaski, Alexa Guidetti, Ashley Hendricks, Mari Leclerc, Jessica Uschmann, Angela Grassetti, Felicia Coughlin, Samantha Hibbert, Miranda Polaski
Front: Shavon Ennis, Chelsea St. Laurent, Kelsey Caroleo, Caitlin Frazier, Marissa Morassi, Emily Gendron, Brie Bobecki
Missing: Mngr Meghan Costello

Left: The Brownies get together for a cheer before going back on the field at half-time.
Right: Kayla Manzi makes a move past the Longmeadow midfielders.

Captains Mary Michaud, Lauren Brown, Cori Geiger, and Kayla Manzi with Coach Warner

Girls Lacrosse

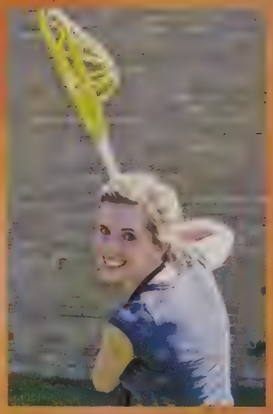
The spring of 2008 was another successful season for Agawam Girls Lacrosse. The season started off with the largest turnout for the team that Coach Carla Lemnah-Warner had ever seen. There were a lot of fresh faces on the field, which resulted in a lot of new talent. Captains Cori Geiger, Lauren Brown, Mary Michaud, and Kayla Manzi led the team to many victories and always shared a few laughs. All players can surely remember the trip to Coach Warner's house when they "decorated" her front yard with toilet paper and silly string before the game against Westfield.

After finishing the regulation season at thirteen wins and five loses, all aspects of their game were strong. Leading scorers Cori Geiger, Lauren Brown, and Carin Wagner could always find the back of the net. Strong defense and midfield transition was the other portion of the team's success. In postseason play the girls were up against Northampton first in the Western Mass Quarterfinals, and showed great play in an easy win. The semifinal game against Minnechaug sadly ended the Brownies season at 14-6 as an overall record.

"My favorite memory of the season was definitely 'decorating' Warner's house before the Westfield game."
- Denise Gates '09

"Next season, we will hopefully beat Longmeadow and make Western Mass finals."
- Katie Landry '10

"My favorite memory from the season was how we drove all the way to King Phillip [High School] for no reason."
- Colleen Keeley '11



Name: Kaitlyn Weyant
"Determined"
Position: High Attack
Number: 16
Class of 2009

Lacrosse started off as a fun sport used to spend some time with friends, but soon turned into an obsession for senior Kaitlyn Weyant.

She first started playing in sixth grade when Carin Wagner, now her fellow senior and teammate, convinced her to pick up a stick. Her most memorable moment was the day she made varsity lacrosse as a sophomore. Kaitlyn said, "The most I was expecting was varsity developmental, so making varsity was a great surprise!" She and her friends have been playing together for many years and are now all on the varsity team together. To prepare for victory before a big game Kaitlyn listens to upbeat rap and lively country music on the bus or field.

In addition to lacrosse, Kaitlyn also runs the thousand meter, mile, and six hundred in indoor track during the winter. She is the student representative at the school committee meetings, as well as a member of Student Government and National Honors Society. With a bright future, and well-rounded transcript, Kaitlyn hopes to attend Syracuse University and enter the medical field.

Girls Varsity

04/01/08	West Springfield	15-4	W
04/03/08	Westfield	17-2	W
04/09/08	West Springfield	14-0	W
04/10/08	South Hadley	16-10	W
04/15/08	Cathedral	14-0	W
04/18/08	Westfield	16-2	W
04/21/08	Longmeadow	1-11	L
04/29/08	Northampton	17-13	W
05/01/08	Minnechaug	10-14	L
05/05/08	Suffield Academy	9-11	L
05/07/08	Amherst	13-5	W
05/08/08	East Longmeadow	15-4	W
05/12/08	Cathedral	17-9	W
05/13/08	Longmeadow	1-16	L
05/20/08	Amherst	12-10	W
05/21/08	Minnechaug	12-19	L
05/22/08	East Longmeadow	16-7	W
05/28/08	Northampton	12-11	W
06/02/08	WMASS Qtr vs. Northampton	16-11	**W**
06/03/08	WMASS Semi **Final vs.** Minnechaug	7-16	**L**

Top Left: Taylor Hartmann sets up for a bunt in the home game vs. Amherst.
Top Right: Ally Witaszek jumps high for a catch.
Bottom Left: Julie Gorman dives back to second base to be safe.
Bottom Right: Ali Bonavita gets ready for a hit from the Hurricanes.

Rachel Butt is ready to throw a ball to third base in the home match against the Amherst Hurricanes.

Left: Amy Mantha slides into second base for a double.
Right: The team gets together for a cheer before the next inning.

Back: Coach Georgina, De Anna Ronca, Stacy Croteau, Emily Laliberte, Cpt. Julie Gorman, Mackenzie Doyle, Katherine Figella
Front: Rachel Butt, Allyson Witaszek, Alexandra Bonavita, Cpt. Amy Mantha, Taylor Hartmann, Christina Korney, Brittany Discher

Back: Jessica Colson, Katelin Therrien, Taryn Doyle, Jamie Corriveau, Nicole Johnson, Desiree Rosario, Coach Distefano
Front: Alyssa Abraham, Samantha Abraham, Anna Scala, Kimberly Decoteau, Maurisa Ollari, Justina Juzba

Back: Sarah Taylor, Carole Duquette, Kelly Grindle, Nikki Barker, Mariesa Negosanti, Lindsey Croteau, Coach Murray
Front: Kathryn Meyrick, Kayla Bertrand, Alyssa McNair, Krysten Paquette, Kaitlyn Guindon, Lauren Mazza
Missing: Mngr Kristine Gabriel, Mngr Jacquelyn Gabriel

SOFTBALL

The 2008 varsity softball team came back stronger than ever this season welcoming back eleven team members and adding two newcomers to the roster. Having played together for several seasons, the team chemistry was a large part of the Brownie's success. Starting out with an eight game winning streak the girls barreled ahead of the competition with the dream of winning Western Massachusetts tournament. For many of the team members the most crucial and exciting game of the season was the 3-2 win over the dominant Westfield team. The girls returned to the Western Mass semi-finals again this season only to suffer another heartbreaking loss. The Brownies fell to Amherst 2-4 but walked away with the shared title of League Champions (Minnechaug had a similar record). The 2007 player of the year, Amy Mantha, as well as her co-captain, Julie Gorman, were named to the First Team All- Western Mass. The Brownies ended their season on a positive note with an 18-4 overall record.

"[Some of the team's goals were] to win the league and we did! [We also wanted] to get a better record than last year."
- Rachel Butt '09

"The bus rides were always fun. We would have five minutes to ourselves and then we would talk about our games and have chants that would really pump us up."
- Brittany Discher '11

"[My favorite memory was] beating Westfield because we hadn't beaten them in three years and as seniors it was our last chance to beat them."
- Emily Laliberte '08

Name: Allyson Witaszek
"Outgoing"
Position: Center Field
Number: 17
Class of 2010

For Allyson Witaszek, softball has always been a large part of her life. Although she is a part of the girl's indoor track and the varsity soccer team, nothing seems to compare to softball. After playing softball non-stop for many years, Ally entered Agawam High School and joined the varsity squad as a sophomore. For Ally, the best part of participating on the varsity softball team is "definitely [her] coaches and teammates." For her first season on varsity, Ally's favorite memory was having the team make the semi-finals and sharing that memory with her teammates.

It is not just the comradery of her fellow Brownies and the superb coaching that drives Ally to play; it is her love of the game. "You just get to be yourself when you're out there playing," says Witaszek.

Allyson's dream is to have her team make and win the state finals before she graduates in 2010. After high school, Ally would love to play softball at the college level.

Girls Varsity

04/07/08	Longmeadow	24-4	W
04/08/08	Chicopee Comp.	18-0	W
04/09/08	Ludlow	15-1	**W**
04/11/08	Belchertown	14-0	W
04/14/08	Northampton	12-1	W
04/16/08	East Longmeadow	12-0	W
04/17/08	Southwick	11-4	W
04/18/08	Chicopee	4-2	W
04/21/08	Amherst	1-2	L
04/25/08	Central	15-0	W
05/02/08	Westfield	2-3	L
05/03/08	South Hadley	13-3	W
05/05/08	Cathedral	10-2	W
05/12/08	Minnechaug.	4-3	W
05/14/08	Westfield	**3-2**	W
05/15/08	Cathedral	15-0	**W**
05/19/08	Holyoke	13-1	W
05/20/08	West Springfield	8-0	**W**
05/21/08	Minnechaug.	**1-2**	**L**
05/23/08	West Springfield	**12-2**	W
05/30/08	WMASS Qtr. Final vs Chicopee	6-0	**W**
06/03/08	WMASS Semi Final vs Amherst	2-4	L

Top Left: Jeff Simpson watches the ball for a return.
Top Right: Stephen Walsh gets ready for a backhand hit.
Bottom Left: Kyle Labonte anticipates hitting the ball to the opposing player.
Bottom Right: Haseeb Hafeez returns a clear hit over the net.

Back: Christopher Walters, Brett Summers, Brandon Fifield, Cpt. Houssam Lazkani, Bryan Shields, Jeremy Lathrop, Jeffery Simpson, Corey Moquin, TJ Patel Sr, Coach Desautels
Front: Stephen Walsh, Thomas Walker, Brian Benson, Haseeb Hafeez, Christopher Quigley, Joseph Grimaldi, Kyle Labonte, Christian Salinas Sr., John Perez Cruz

Corey Moquin hits the ball with a hard backhand for a nice return to his opponent.

Captain Houssam Lazkani standing with Coach Tad Desautels

Left: Stephen Walsh runs to save the ball from bouncing out of bounds.
Right: Houssam Lazkani rebounds the ball over the net.

Bryan Shields watches the ball and winds up for a hard return over the net.

Boys Tennis

For many of the boys on the tennis team, this would be their last year to shine because of their status as graduating seniors. Captain Houssam Lazkani led his team to victory in the regular season with eight wins and five losses. The all-star doubles team of Haseeb Hafeez and Steve Walsh really stepped up. While in the first doubles slot, the pair didn't lose a match all season. As with all teams, there were many ups and downs. A highlight of the season was definitely when the team dominated West Springfield High School's team in straight sets. But tennis isn't all about matches, the tennis team had a "just-for-fun" scrimmage against the girls team (which the boys won). Coach Desautels has left to go on to be the Athletic Director in South Hadley. The returners are excited to meet their new coach, but are sad to see Coach Desautels go. Looking ahead to next season, the boys are pumped to practice hard and improve their game.

Name: Thomas Walker
"Focused"
Position: Singles
Class of 2010

In the fall of 2006, Thomas Walker nervously entered AHS as a freshman with a head full of uncertainty. All of those feelings faded that spring when Tom found his spot on the varsity tennis team. He was very interested and optimistic about joining the team.

"I just wanted somewhere to make friends and just have fun," Tom said. He quickly excelled at the sport and made many new friends in the process. By staying completely focused, Walker hopes to accomplish a personal goal of obtaining the first singles position and for his team to take the League Championship title. He has high hopes of getting into M.I.T. after his graduation in 2010. He plans to continue to play tennis on their varsity team.

"The highlight of our team's season was when we heard that we were going to play Pittsfield first for the post season."
-Brett Summers '09

"Our team's chemistry was great. We were all good friends. We practiced and played really well together."
-Brandon Fifield '09

"[Our team's strongest aspect was] second doubles, they were amazing."
-Christopher Quigley '10

Boys Varsity

04/07/08	Ludlow		
04/08/08	Longmeadow	3-2	W
04/10/08	Chicopee	0-5	L
04/15/08	Central	1-4	L
04/17/08	Westfield	3-2	W
04/21/08	Cathedral	3-2	W
04/30/08	Amherst	4-1	W
05/01-08	Holyoke	2-3	W
05/05/08	Northampton	4-1	W
05/07/08	East Longmeadow	1-4	L
05/13/08	Chicopee Comp	3-2	W
05/12/08	Mt. Holyoke	1-4	L
05/14/08	Amherst	3-2	W
05/20/08	West Springfield	3-0	W
05/23/08	Minnechaug	5-0	W
		2-3	L

Top Left: Christina Barbarisi watches the ball for a hit.
Top Right: Mehreen Hafeez gets ready for the backhand hit.
Bottom Left: Danielle Fife returns a nice hit to her opponent.
Bottom Left: Abby Martin winds up for a hard serve.

Back: Mehreen Hafeez, Kristen McCaslin, Abby Martin, Christine Davignon, Corinne Lewis
Middle: Ricki Olson, Molly Uzar, Kamilia Misiak, Regina Sibilia
Front: Cpt. Christina Barbarisi, Cpt. Nicole Desimone

Ricki Olson steps up for a hard return across the net for the point.

Back: Allison Woods, Siobhan Keenan, Deepa Desai, Lilia Melnichuk, Taylor Dawson, Veronica Berezenko, Cara Mittler, Antonia Moore
Front: Karen Muller, Laken Gendron, Elizabeth Gloster, Mia Ghedi, Manuela Castrillon, Victoria Fehily
Missing: Abigail Asselin, Emily Barlar, Jamie Colburn, Alyssa Doyle, Taryn Frazee

Left: The team watches as their teammate plays a match.
Right: Molly Uzar tosses up the ball for a serve.

Nicole Desimone reaches for a low hit ball.

Girls Tennis

Agawam High School's own girls varsity tennis team had a solid 2008 season after losing five starting players from the previous season. Senior Captain Nicole Desimone provided the team with strong leadership and was the team's top singles player. In the Western Massachusetts tournament Desimone played a tough match against the number two seed. Unfortunately, she lost in the quarter-finals. Junior Mehreen Hafeez had another breakout season as a singles player, taking a set from powerhouse, Longmeadow High School. She also won the first round of her Western Mass. match up against the number six seed only to just miss out during the second round.

The senior duo of Christina Barbarisi and Christine Davignon as first doubles provided many crucial wins. They were known for their powerful net shots and intense volleys. Participating in the quarter-finals, the girls held their own just barely getting beat by Lee High School, who went on to snag the winning tournament title. The varsity tennis team definitely proved themselves to be "Bad to the Bone" by strongly finishing out the season with a 10-6 record. The 2009 season does look extremely promising with many of the returning players ready to step up their game to ensure a successful season.

"The best part of the season was when everyone came together as a team. Everyone worked hard and really improved."
-Mehreen Hafeez '09

"There wasn't really a highlight; the whole season was great. It was one long, great moment."
-Kamila Misiak '09

"I wanted to participate in this spring sport because I was always passionate about tennis. Ever since I was a little girl I had wanted to play."
- Veronica Berezenko '11

Name: Ricki Olson
"Energetic"
Position: 2nd Doubles
Class of 2010

Name: Molly Uzar
"Clumsy"
Position: 2nd Doubles
Class of 2010

Ricki Olson and Molly Uzar are best friends who became part of the girls varsity tennis team their sophomore year and have developed a deep passion for the game. Ricki found tennis at the young age of seven and has been playing ever since. As a freshman, Molly was introduced to tennis and took to it right away.

Tennis season is what this doubles team looks forward to all year. Tennis has always intrigued Ricki and Molly because it is an activity they can participate in for the rest of their lives. In terms of continuing her sport after high school Ricki said: "I don't have a dream college I would play at, but I definitely want to continue playing for the rest of my life."

Ricki and Molly have set the goals of making the Western Mass. tournament and improving their overall skills.

Molly knows that Ricki will always play her hardest and be supportive. "She's my best friend so I know that whatever happens in the game, it won't affect our friendship," stated Uzar. The two friends expressed their favorite aspect of being a part of the AHS team as the closeness of the team members and the outstanding coaching.

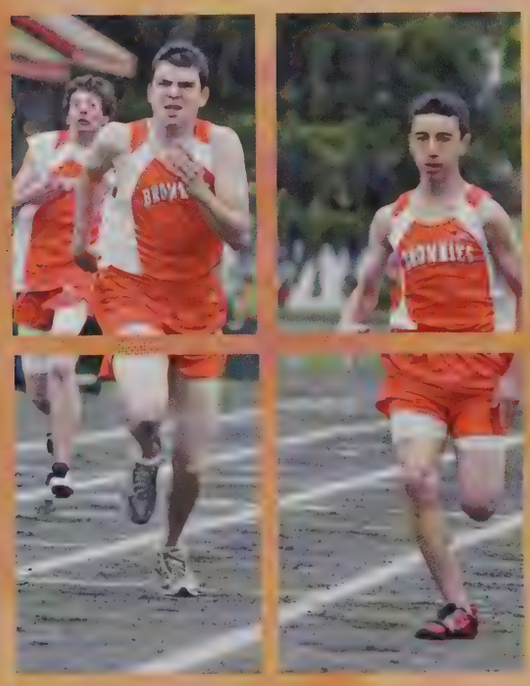
Girls Varsity

04/03/08	Central	2-3	L
04/07/08	South Hadley	1-4	L
04/09/08	Holyoke	4-1	W
04/10/08	Chicopee	5-0	W
04/14/08	Palmer	2-3	L
04/17/08	Suffield Academy	4-3	W
04/22/08	Amherst	2-3	L
04/30/08	Longmeadow	1-4	L
05/05/08	Ludlow	4-1	W
05/07/08	Minnechaug	**3-2**	**W**
05/08/08	Cathedral	2-3	L
05/12/08	Chicopee Comp	4-1	W
05/14/08	Westfield	3-2	W
05/20/08	West Springfield	4-1	W
05/21/08	East Longmeadow	**4-1**	**W**
05/22/08	Northampton	**4-1**	**W**

Top Left: Nicholas Midura lands in the sand pit for a long jump.
Top Right: Garrett Asselin takes great strides to cross the finish line.
Bottom Left: Eric Lane hustles hard to beat his opponent.
Bottom Right: Aleksandr Verbetsky pulls himself up and over the poll-volting bar.

Dalton Ashwell, Garret Asselin, Mario Bonavita, Aaron Carrier, Justin Chartier, Myuya Chenevert, Christopher Copeland, Zachary Dawson, Justin Dion, Thadius Dobek, Blake Dutilly, Andrew Ellsworth, Steven Jefferson, Jeremy Johnston, Nikos Kalaitzidis, Michael Kosior, Eric Lane, Brandon Learned, Nicholas Midura, Ryan Muller, David Olbrych, James Olson, Andrew Pacheco, Kyle Parzich, Matthew Perry, Conor Rieker, Austin Roberts, Lucas Santolini, Douglas Telford, Justin Timmons, Aleksandr Verbetsky, James Williamson

From Left: Mario Bonavita, James Olsen, and Lucas Santolini run hard to beat each other in a sprint.



Captains Brandon Learned, Blake Dutilly, and Nicholas Midura standing with Coach Lucus Maciarello, Coach Timothy Osgood, and Ast. Coach Thomas Goodrow

Left: Justin Chartier gives it his all to throw the disc.
Right: Christopher Copeland lands in the sand pit after a long jump.

Blake Dutilly soars through the air during a triple jump in a meet against Amherst.

BOYS TRACK

The 2008 spring season for boys track and field was a new start for many runners. A brand new coaching staff left uncertainty in the minds of many after Coach Bianca left Agawam to take a new position in Palmer. However, Coach Osgood proved to have a positive effect on this team. What was lacked in experience, they made up for in spirit.

Captains Justin Chartier, Brandon Learned, Blake Dutilly, and Nicholas Midura not only led the team by example, but also were the top scorers in many of the meets. Justin Chartier was always accountable for points in shot-put, excelling all the way to the Western Massachusetts Finals to take home first place. The whole team pulled together for a memorable victory over Chicopee with a score of 73 to 72. After many long meets, hard work, blood, sweat, and tears, the boys track season came to a close, but next season looks promising.

Name: Christopher Copeland
"Unstoppable"
Class of 2010

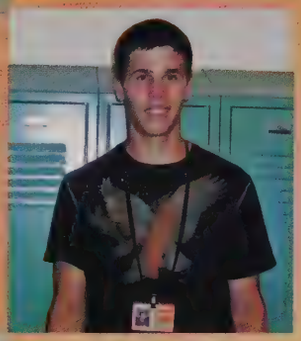
Starting off as a freshman, Christopher Copeland soon found out what a thrill running outdoor track can be. His father encouraged him to start running cross country in the fall and he has not stopped running since.

"Nothing is more satisfying than crushing your competition" Chris explains. He competes in the 400 meter, long jump, and four-by-four relay. His favorite and best event is the 400 meter with his personal best of fifty-seven seconds flat. He also had the honor of carrying the team's sixty pound rock to and from practice everyday. To prepare for his meets, Chris enjoys taking long naps and fueling up on food.

When asked what his favorite part of being on the team was, Chris replied, "The comradery is definitely my favorite and most important part." For the next season, Chris hopes to exceed his personal best records and possibly explore some new events. He is unsure of his post-high school plans but they will definitely involve his love of running.

"I love track because it's not only just a team sport, but an individual sport as well. You not only race against other teams, but against yourself. You can't find that in other sports."
- Justin Dion '10

"[Next season] I can see our team winning at least fifty percent of our meets if we work hard enough. I want to see a lot more personal records next year."
- Austin Roberts '10



"We never gave up, whether winning by seventy points or losing by one hundred we always did our best."
- Dalton Ashwell '09

Boys Varsity

04/08/08	Minnechaug	23-122	L
04/16/08	Chicopee	73-72	W
05/06/08	Amherst	unavailable	
05/15/08	Westfield	52-92	L
05/20/08	Ludlow	**64-81**	L
05/22/08	Central	49-87	L

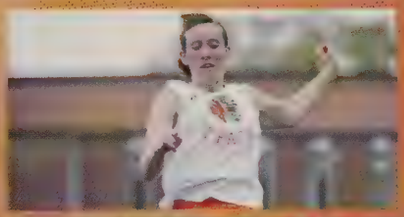
Top Left: Lauren Weiner pulls herself up and over the poll-vaulting bar.
Top Right: Kasey Martin glides over the hurdles.
Bottom Left: Katherine McGeoghan receives a hand-off from Sara Jensen in a sprinting relay.
Bottom Right: Erin Olsen works hard to throw the discus far.

Jennifer Dudek runs her hardest in a distance race against Longmeadow.

Left: Anna Matys along with Karina Litvak and Jess Beroth set a good pace in a distance run.
Right: Megan Breault takes off sprinting after the baton is handed to her.

Jessica Beroth, Lauren Braska, Megan Breault, Brittney Bussiere, Courtney Bussiere, Gabrielle Calvanese, Jennifer Casinghino, Ashley Duame, Jennifer Dudek, Maxine Dudek, Meaghan Foley, Gabrielle Gonet, Kimberly Hitchcock, Shaunna Howe, Samantha Hurley, Gina Iannuzzi, Lindsay Jacks, Sara Jensen, Jennifer Kapinos, Stephanie Karrasch, Kathleen Kraas, Chelsea Lafontaine, Michele Lemieux, Valerie Lemieux, Meghan Little, Karina Litwak, Cynthia Macaulay, Elizabeth MacFadzen, Gena Mangiaratti, Kaela Martin, Kasey Martin, Anna Matys, Kate May, Katherine McGeoghan, Breanna McLane, Rebecca Montano, Erin Olson, Carly Pilon, Brittany Randall, Shannon Reardon, Gabriela Rossi, Sarah Roux, Kayla Ryan, Jessica Saimeri, Lucia Santaniello, Stephanie Scherpa, Rebecca Schnepp, Danielle Stelma, Brittany Struck, Sarah Torrey, Jillian Van Ness, Andrea Walsh, Lauren Weiner

Coach Daniel Pryce with team captains Danielle Stelma, Lindsay Jacks, and Katherine McGeoghan



Shaunna Howe turns to hurl the discus farther than her opponent in the meet against Longmeadow.

Girls Track

After many high scoring seniors graduated, the fate of Agawam Girls Track was unsure. However, just like past years, the dedication and hard work shined through and lead to many wins for Agawam. Coach Pryce led the girls through many grueling practices of hill sprints, repeats, and swim practices but it certainly paid off. They finished the regulation season at 4-3 only being defeated by Longmeadow, Minnichaug, and Northampton. The team used the philosophy of training through meets and was not worried about the final record, only with the result for Western Mass. With stand out stars, Rebecca Montano, Katherine McGeoghan, Lindsay Jacks, Maxine Dudek, Jenny Dudek, Jillian Van Ness, Megan Breault, and Jennifer Kapinos scoring many points, the girls were able to place fifth overall in Western Mass. What made this victory taste even sweeter was that they placed higher than both Minnechaug and Longmeadow wrapping up the season better than expected.

"[My favorite memory is] accidentally hitting Pryce in the head with a pole-vaulting pole and all the girls were laughing."
-Sarah Roux '10

"We would think of crazy cheers to do before the meet. [We were] just being loud and obnoxious and would stretch all together."
-Andrea Walsh '08

"Everyone helped each other and wore their uniforms on meet days. We made t-shirts for states and would have car rides that brought the team together."
-Jenny Dudek '11

Name: Meaghan Foley
"Determined"
Class of 2011

Looking for a way to stay in shape for other sports, Meaghan Foley decided to run track starting her freshmen year. She soon became involved in many events. She ran the 200 meter, and the four-by-one relay. Meaghan also competed in the long jump, high jump, and triple jumped.

"I love track because I can see how I'm improving, because it is an individual sport," Meg explained. When asked about her favorite memory, Meg recounts the story of the time she tripped over the finish line after running the 200 meter. She loves hanging out with her friends, many of whom she met just because of the sheer volume of runners involved in track.

Meg loves listening to music and becomes very hyper before meets. She also plays field hockey, runs indoor track, and enjoys acting. She says that now, thanks to track, she will always see running in her future.

Girls Varsity

04/07/08	Chicopee	83-62	W
04/14/08	Amherst	82-63	W
05/06/08	Longmeadow	62-83	L
05/12/08	Minnichaug	55-90	L
05/15/08	Cathedral	111-32	W
05/19/08	East Longmeadow	**80-65**	W
05/19/08	Northampton	**62-83**	L
05/19/08	Holyoke Catholic	74-71	W

Top Left: Andrew Schnepp digs a hard serve in the game against Belchertown.
Top Right: Russell Petrucci and Justin Miller jump high to block.
Bottom Left: Timothy Jendrysik makes a spike right past the defense.
Bottom Right: Michael Vilkhovoy gets ready to set up his teammate, Daniel Matroni.

Daniel Matroni makes a beautiful tip right over the net in his senior night game against Belchertown. Number 10, Andrew Schnepp is ready to cover.

Left: The team huddles together for a time-out discussion.
Right: Steven Costa focuses in on the ball for a hard serve to Belchertown.

Standing: Andrew Schnepp, Evan Reed, Gregorio Santa, Daniel Matroni, Justin Miller, David Vilkhovoy, Russell Petrucci, Coach Demers
Kneeling: Timothy Jendrysik, Carlos Gomez, Michael Vilkhovoy, Steven Costa, Vincent Nitri, David Melnichuk, Tyler Alves

Standing: Brian Moriarty, David Franco, Matt Stelma, Nathaniel Chartier, Andrew LaMotte, Alexander Cassell, Coach Demers
Kneeling: Cody Smith, Zachary Seaver, Eric Piquette, David Farwell, Samuel Gendron, Alexander Korotich

Captains David Vilkhovoy and Andy Schnepp standing with Coach Demers

Boys Volleyball

The ultimate 2007 "dream" season saw the boys varsity volleyball team with a final record of 21-1. They were pumped to take a trip to States. Once the Western Massachusetts title was under their belt, the boys once again set high goals for themselves in 2008. The loss of six All-Western Mass players meant that the team welcomed a lot of new talent to the squad.

Overall, the team did very well with the strong and intense leadership of Co-Captains Andrew Schnepp and David Vilkhovoy. The team finished the 2008 season with a 13-8 record. The guys were all very close. They communicated as if they had always played together. The players never seemed to play as individuals but as a team. Many spectators could openly notice the passion for the game and how driven the team was.

Finding themselves in the Western Mass. quarter-finals against Chicopee Comp the boys left everything they had on the court. Sadly, after taking a game from their opponents, the Brownies were beaten 1-3. As for next year, the guys will be coming ready to play. With another season under their belts, and post-season tournament experience, the varsity volleyball team is likely to go very far next season.

Name: Russell Petrucci
"Entertaining"
Position: Right Side Hitter
Number: 9
Class of 2009

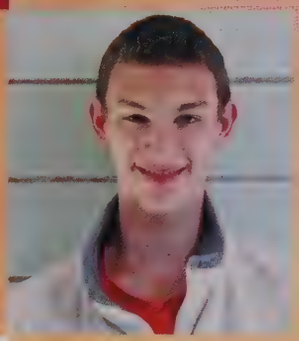
Outside of the court, Russell Petrucci is known to his friends as a great person and very optimistic. On the court, these traits and his unwavering commitment to volleyball shine through.

Russ began his high school volleyball career as a sophomore. A large part of his decision to begin playing the sport started with the influence of "the young inspiring Dave Franco," stated Petrucci. The other half of his resolution goes to his overall love of the game itself. During the spring season, Russ does all he can to get the volleyball team playing at the top of their game. He gets himself and his teammates pumped up before every match. For Russ, he rocks out to his favorite C.C.C. CD and makes sure to do a handstand before coming out of the locker room.

Every match he came ready to play and was very focused on playing as a team. After having a breakout season as a junior, Russell is ready to take on the upcoming 2009 season as a senior co-captain.

"My favorite memory would have to be when we were competing at Chicopee Comp. to get into the Western Mass. Championship. I looked around at my team and just felt like we were all brothers, together to win for a sport that we loved."
- Timothy Jendrysik '09

"By the end of the season, we all became friends and communicated well."
- Evan Reed '10



"[One of the team's goals was] to win States and win League."
- Justin Miller '09

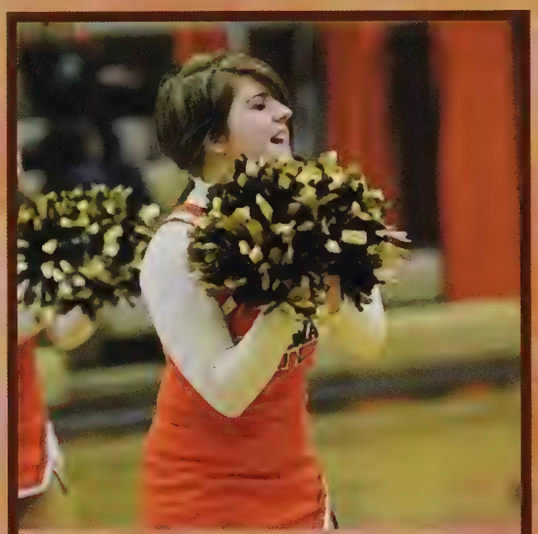
Boys Varsity

03/28/08	Sabis	3-0	W
04/02/08	West Springfield	3-0	W
04/03/08	Minnechaug	1-3	L
04/07/08	Mohawk	0-3	L
04/09/08	Commerce	3-0	W
04/11/08	Chicopee Comp	3-1	W
04/13/08	Milford	0-3	L
04/15/08	Ludlow	1-3	L
04/17/08	Belchertown	3-0	W
04/18/08	West Springfield	3-0	W
04/21/08	Ware	3-0	W
04/23/08	Chicopee	3-0	W
04/25/08	Westfield	**0-3**	L
04/28/08	Ware	**3-0**	**W**
04/29/08	Athol	**3-0**	W
05/01/08	Minnechaug Reg.	2-3	L
05/05/08	Mohawk Reg.	1-3	L
05/13/08	Ludlow	3-2	**W**
05/15/08	Belchertown	3-0	**W**
05/19/08	Athol	**3-0**	**W**
05/27/08	WMASS Qtr Final v. Chicopee Comp	**1-3**	**L**

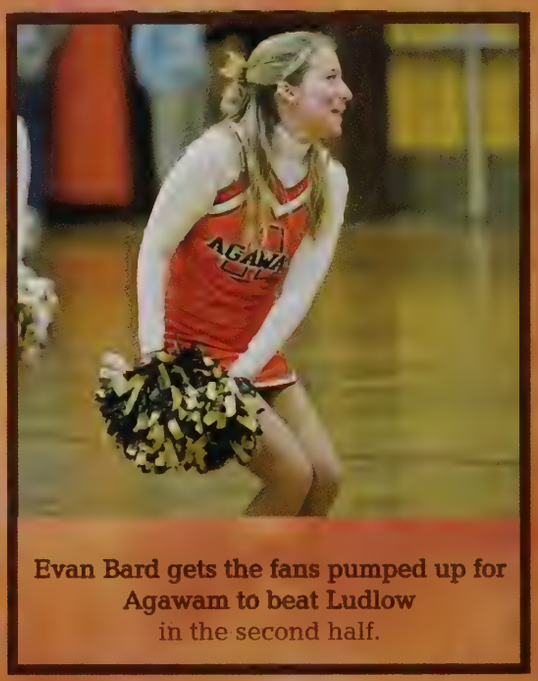
Top Left: Catherine Cosby utilizes her pompoms during her routine.
Top Right: Ashley Fortier cheers at the boys basketball game
Bottom Left: Lindsey Croteau pumps up the audience.
Bottom Right: Shanna Longhi executes a move with precision.

Standing: Ivanna Melnichuk, Shanna Longhi, Lindsey Croteau, Kara Franqueza
Kneeling: Catherine Cosby, Ashley Fortier, Cpt. Sarah Gallagher, Evan Bard, Peyton O'Brien
Missing: Amanda Derose, Stefanie Littlefield

Ashley Fortier performs the half-time routine at the boys varsity basketball game against Ludlow.



Captain Sarah Gallagher leads her squad during their routine.



Evan Bard gets the fans pumped up for Agawam to beat Ludlow in the second half.

Left: Kara Franqueza motivates the crowd.
Right: Amanda Derose waits for the next part of the routine to begin.

CHEERLEADING

Home football games, basketball game and competitions are what all cheerleaders look forward to. This year, the team was lead by Captain Sarah Gallagher and overall had a good season. They practiced hard from 4:30 to 6 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays to get their routines, stunts, and cheers to perfection. The girls entered three tournaments and diligently performed their routines. They entered their first competition in South Hadley and placed fourth. At their second tournament in Easthampton, the girls took home second place. At the Chicopee tournament, the girls won the Coach's Award after they wrote a letter about how dedicated their coach is to the team. Besides the tournaments, the girls love the energy of the crowd when cheering at sporting events. One favorite memory was the Ludlow basketball game where the boys won, and the cheerleaders got the crowd on their feet cheering for Agawam High. The Thanksgiving Football Game was another event the girls looked forward to. Even though it was cold, they still managed to keep the crowd entertained and rooting for our team.

"As a whole, my favorite moment would probably be at Pep Rally when our routine hit perfectly."
-Ashley Fortier '10

"I love cheerleading because it really makes everyone on the team work as one to have a great end result when the competition season comes around."
-Lindsey Croteau '11

"[My favorite memory was] decorating our football players' houses the night before the Thanksgiving game."
-Kara Franqueza '12

Name: Sarah Gallagher
"Outgoing"
Class of 2009

Sarah started cheering during third grade in the Agawam Youth Program because her sister was a cheerleader. She always enjoyed dancing and gymnastics, and loves cheerleading because it is a combination of both. Sarah also likes the excitement and being a part of the team. She looks forward to competitions and cheering at the Friday night football games.

Sarah says, "Winning Western Mass. my freshman year was by far my favorite memory." Her most memorable part of being a cheerleader is working hard at practice, having fun, and being close with her teammates. While doing this, she hopes to win Western Mass. again this year for her final season of cheerleading.

To get ready for games, Sarah likes to dance and listen to music. She also participates in gymnastics outside of the high school. She is unsure what college she will attend, but depending on what school she goes to, she would like to continue cheerleading.

Varsity

02/15/09	South Hadley	4th
02/22/09	Easthampton	2nd
02/28/09	Leagues at Chicopee	4th

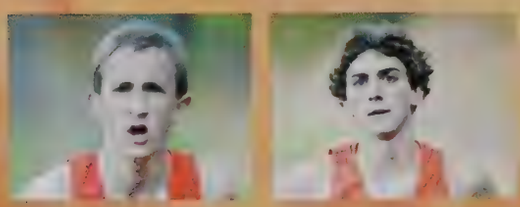
Top Left: Brandon Learned sets the pace for the race against Northampton.
Top Right: David Olbrych continues his brisk stride during his run.
Bottom Left: Christopher Copeland prepares for his last kick.
Bottom Right: Justin Wright gets ready to pass an opponent.

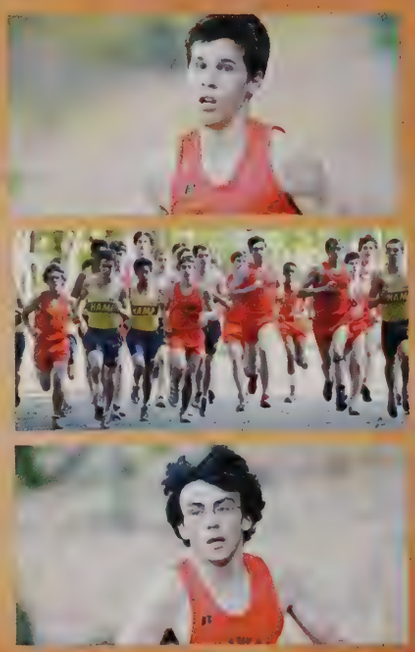
Kneeling: Richard Schoolcraft, Keven Brown, Mngr Mario Bonavita, Justin Dion, Ryan Muller, Justin Wright, James Morris, Tyler Roberts, Matthew Settembro
Standing: Anthony Lucci, Douglas Telford, Kyle Keeley, Matthew Perry, Cpt. Brandon Learned, David Olbrych, Christopher Copeland, Austin Roberts, Michael Kosior, Jesse Conklin, Coach William Dillon

Kyle Keeley prepares to advance his position upon the upcoming Northampton participant.

Captain Brandon Learned standing with Coach William Dillon

Left: Justin Dion hustles throughout the race.
Right: Christopher Copeland looks at the camera as he finishes the course.





Justin Dion finishes strong in his race against Northampton.

Boys Cross Country

Cross country is considered one of the most challenging sports to participate in; for the boys cross country team at AHS this rings true. The team faces the obstacles on the tough terrain of the trails, but always use their skills and commitment to keep ahead of their opponents. During the past few seasons, the AHS team has done well and the 2008 season was no different.

They finished their season with a record of 6-4 and did well in many of the invitationals that they attended. The team was a really tight-knit group of guys who were all good friends on and off the trails. Their superior effort throughout the season got them into the Western Massachusetts tournament where they had a good showing, placing eighth out of twenty-one teams.

The team is only losing a few seniors and is looking forward to leaving the competition in the dust next season. They aspire every year to make it to Western Mass. as a team and hope that next year will be the year that they continue on to win the state title.

Name: Anthony Lucci
"Focused"
Class of 2011

Anthony Lucci started running cross country in the fall of his freshman year and has loved it ever since. He first joined the team because a few of his friends were already on it, and he figured it would get him in shape for basketball. Being on the team, however, turned out to be more than just a work-out.

Anthony ended up really taking pride in being a part of the cross country team. He has a lot of friends on the team and has learned to thoroughly enjoy running. He is considered one of the team's top runners and always places fairly well in races. Besides cross country, Anthony also plays basketball and baseball for AHS, making him a full-time athlete.

Because he is only a sophomore, Anthony has not yet put serious thought into where he would like to go for college. He hopes to play basketball and baseball wherever he goes, but unfortunately, he does not plan to continue his cross country career after high school, thinking that it will become far to competitive after high school.

"Our team's strongest aspect is the fact that we all finish the races fairly close together."
-David Olbrych '10

"I love cross country because you are competing against yourself, not just your opponents."
-Justin Wright '10

"We went to Olive Garden for a pasta party and the waitress asked us what we were celebrating, we told her it was Justin Dion's tenth birthday."
-Ryan Muller '09

Varsity

09/11/08	Amherst	38-23	L
09/11/08	Saint Mary's	15-50	W
09/16/08	Chicopee Comp	17-42	W
09/20/08	Amherst Invitational	20th place	
09/23/08	West Springfield	20-36	W
09/30/08	Central	23-34	W
09/30/08	Cathedral	36-19	L
10/07/08	Northampton	44-15	L
10/15/08	Ludlow	44-16	L
10/18/08	Catholic Memorial	10th place	
10/21/08	Renaissance	**16-47**	**W**
10/21/08	Chicopee High	**15-50**	**W**
11/01/08	PVIAC League	**12th place**	
11/08/08	WMASS Tournament	**8th place**	

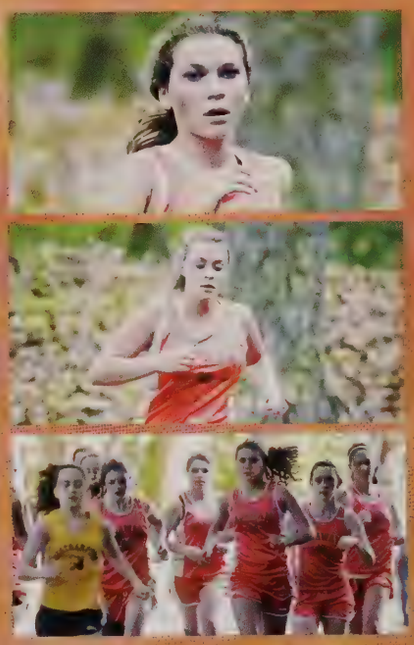
Top Left: Alexandria Vatousiou and Amy Hryniewicz both begin the race with intensity.
Top Right: Colleen Keeley stays ahead of the competition.
Bottom Left: Stephanie Roulier maintains a steady pace throughout the course.
Bottom Right: The team starts off strong in the race against Northampton.

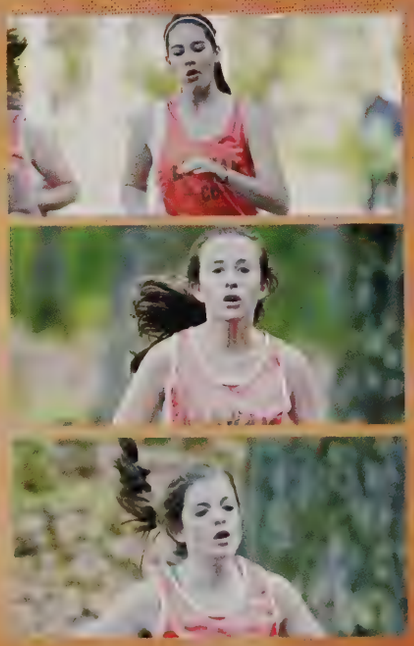
Jennifer Dudek starts off strong to stay ahead of her opponents.

Left: Anna Matys keeps ahead of the Blue Devils.
Right: Jennifer Casinghino maintains a steady pace throughout the race.

Standing: Jennifer Dudek, Maxine Dudek, Colleen Keeley, Allyson Ripke, Anna Matys, Jennifer Casinghino, Stephanie Karrasch, Coach William Dillon
Kneeling: Samantha Hurley, Alexandria Vatousiou, Stephanie Roulier, Cpt. Rebecca Montano, Melissa Hryniewicz, Gabrielle Calvanese, Amy Hryniewicz, Ashley Hendricks

Coach William Dillon standing with Captain Rebecca Montano.





Jennifer Casinghino begins her race at a fast pace.

Girls Cross Country

This season's girls varsity cross country team was very competitive, starting out with three consecutive tri-meet wins. With each meet they won, the girls did not give their opponents any chance to out run Agawam in the last leg of the tough trails.

In order to be successful, the team members endured countless grueling practices. A five to seven mile run was just the beginning, sometimes adding in hill sprints and speed workouts. All their hard training paid off, especially those competitors named the top seven to compete in the Western Massachusetts Tournament. These lucky seven were sophomores Jenny Dudek, Samantha Hurley, and Stephanie Karrasch, and juniors Anna Matys and Jennifer Casinghino. Leading the seven were seniors Allyson Ripke and Captain Rebecca Montano.

Montano was also the only runner from the team that competed in State Finals. The team considers their best meet to be when they went head-to-head with the Ludlow Lions. Losing by only one point, the Brownies found themselves coming together as a team and having all-star finishes.

"Since Ludlow beat us by one point during the regular season, we were determined to beat them at Western Mass. and we did!" exclaimed Captain Rebecca Montano. The varsity girls cross country team proves that victory is sweet, but coming together as a team makes it even sweeter.

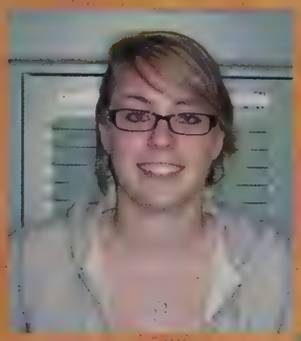
Name: Anna Matys
"Hard-worker"
Class of 2010

Junior Anna Matys, has made running her sport all year round, participating in cross country, indoor track, and track and field. She began her cross country career as a freshman at Agawam High School.

Anna has always loved to watch the sport. She decided to follow in her brother's footsteps (who ran for the boys cross country team four years prior) by signing up for the fall sport right away.

When she competes, Anna shows a passion for the sport like no other. "It is one of those sports that you have to love. I love it because you can lose yourself when you run." In order for her to focus and run her best, Anna always listens to her favorite music and just has fun with all her teammates. Each time the team competes Anna hopes that they will get closer to her biggest goal. She wants the whole team to be in the top three so that they can compete in the state finals.

Whether or not they reach their goal, Anna loves every aspect of her team. To her, they are like a family and are always there for each other. "If one of us is having a bad day, you know that your teammates will make you feel better," Anna remarked. After high school she plans to compete in collegiate running and hopes to one day coach her own team.



"[The team's favorite moment off the field was] when Amherst was meditating while Coach Dillon played on the swings with Mario."
-Allyson Ripke '09

"[I love the] six months straight of running trails, B's, and roads in an unconscious, nauseous state."
-Jennifer Casinghino '10

"I love cross country because it pushes you to your limits and conditions your body to the extent that you are in the best shape you can be."
- Stephanie Roulier '12

Varsity

09/11/08	Saint Mary's	15-50	W
09/11/08	Amherst	45-16	L
09/16/08	Chicopee Comp	20-39	W
09/20/08	Amherst Invitational	21st place	
09/23/08	West Springfield	25-37	W
09/30/08	Cathedral	22-39	W
09/30/08	Central	18-45	W
10/07/08	Northampton	40-19	L
10/15/08	Ludlow	28-27	L
10/18/08	Catholic Memorial	17th place	
10/21/08	Chicopee	17-46	W
10/21/08	Renaissance	17-46	W
11/01/08	PVIAC League	12th place	
11/08/08	WMass Tournament	10th place	

Top Left: Jessica Polaski dribbles the ball up the field.
Top Right: Miranda Polaski steals the ball from her fellow contestant.
Bottom Left: Morgan Lockwood slaps the ball to a team mate.
Bottom Right: Lauren Brown pushes the ball into the circle.

Ashley Cross, intent on the game, gets ready to make a move on the ball.

Left: Alexandra Bonavita and Kaitlyn Landry use a strong defense on the field.
Right: Brianna Newton takes a breath after working hard keeping the ball out of the scoring zone.

Standing: Mngr Victoria Parent, Denise Gates, Caitlin Frazier, Kyleigh Oliveira, Chelsea Blanchard, Megan McNair, Jessica Polaski, Mngr Kathryn King
Kneeling: Miranda Polaski, Chelsea St. Laurent, Lauren Brown, Morgan Lockwood, Ashley Cross, Katelyn Landry, Brianna Newton
Sitting: Cpt. Cori Geiger, Cpt. Alexandra Bonavita
Missing: Coach Christine Huestis

Standing: Meghan Costello, Heather Krassler, Allison McCluskey, Jenna Fenton, Caroline Daubitz, Kimberly Hitchcock, Megan Ripke, Kathryn Leathem, Coach Annie Christofori
Kneeling: Kristina Kopyscinski, Marissa Morassi, Samantha Lungarini, Alexa Guidetti, Hannah Hellstein, Meaghan Foley, Jillian Newton, Shavon Ennis
Sitting: Elizabeth Gloster, Stephanie Scherpa
Missing: Coach Lindsie Lavin

Standing: Coach Annie Christofori, Gina Iannuzzi, Elizabeth Breault, Kaitlin Dunley, Sara Jensen
Kneeling: Emily Fish, Mary DeForge, Kathleen Stempel, Mary Lewis, Kaley Govoni
Sitting: Megan Fanning, Cristina Zaffetti, Elizabeth Deane

Field Hockey

History was made in the 2008 field hockey season. Agawam Varsity Field Hockey became the Western Mass. Champions. The season kicked off with some phenomenal wins, but a slight wrinkle in their season came on the road when they faced Westfield and suffered a 2-1 loss. This was exactly what the team needed to harness their aggression and they went undefeated for the rest of the regular season with a record of 17-1.

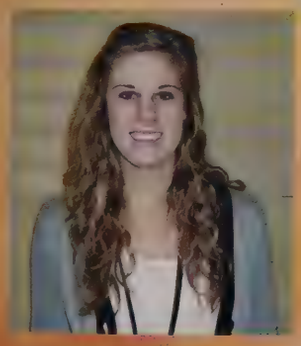
Big time scorers like Morgan Lockwood, Miranda Polaski, and Kyleigh Oliveria found the back of the net, while midfielders, Ashley Cross and Cori Geiger, excelled in transitioning the ball on all parts of the field. Denise Gates, Megan McNair, Brianna Newton, and Chelsea Blanchard did their part of stopping shots along with their talented goalie, Alexandra Bonavita.

All parts of the team helped to create the highlight of the regular season; the Westfield game at home. This time it was on their own turf. The girls avenged their loss, massacring the Bombers 6-1.

Going into the Western Mass. tournament, Agawam had a bye in the first round, and in the second they proved themselves again by winning against Westfield 2-0. At last, the moment of truth came in the Western Mass. Finals. Agawam beat Longmeadow 2-1 meaning that Agawam Field Hockey won the title for the first time ever! The team moved on to the State Semi-finals against Notre Dame Academy and put up a fight. In double overtime, the team ended up one goal short losing 1-0.

"My favorite memory from this season had to be the Westfield game at home. They were our only loss all year so when they came to play us at home we came out pumped."
-Jessica Polaski '11

"I love how everyone on our team connects. AVFH makes every day enjoyable and of course winning Western Mass. makes it even more fun!"
-Ashley Cross '10



"I hate clichés but AVFH is honestly like my second family. Every girl on my team feels that way. When we bond off the field it really shows on the field as well."
-Chelsea Blanchard '09

Name: Caitlin Frazier
"Unselfish"
Position: Forward
Number: 7
Class of 2010

Starting off in the sixth grade, Cait Frazier learned the great game of field hockey from her friend Denise Gates. Three years later, coming into high school Cait had the honor of making varsity as a freshman. Now as a junior, she loves spending time with her teammates and most of all the competitive nature of the game.

Looking back, Cait says, "My favorite high school memory of AVFH is our circle of trusts, they're intense!" AVFH is famous for their family-like atmosphere built on mutual trust, Cait continued to explain. "We all get along and just enjoy being around each other."

Like the rest of the team, Cait's big goal for the season is winning the Western Mass. title. To get pumped and ready to win, she likes to listen to music and looks forward to getting a "quote-and-ribbon" at every home game. Cait is also a member of the key club and plays lacrosse. After high school, she still hopes to be involved with field hockey by either playing for a college or just recreation.

Varsity

09/05/08	Central	10-1	W
09/10/08	Pioneer Valley	10-0	W
09/15/08	Cathedral	5-0	W
09/17/08	East Longmeadow	1-0	W
09/19/08	Minnechaug	2-0	W
09/22/08	Turners Falls	8-0	W
09/24/08	West Springfield	1-0	W
09/25/08	Westfield	1-2	L
09/29/08	Palmer	4-0	W
10/02/08	Holyoke	8-0	W
10/06/08	Southwick	3-2	W
10/07/08	Cathedral	1-0	W
10/10/08	East Longmeadow	3-2	W
10/14/08	Minnechaug	1-0	W
10/15/08	West Springfield	2-1	W
10/20/08	Westfield	6-1	W
10/22/08	Palmer	2-0	W
10/23/08	Holyoke	4-0	W
1/06/08	WMASS Semi-Finals v. Westfield	2-1	W
11/08/08	WMASS Finals v. Longmeadow	2-1	W
11/12/08	State Semi-Finals v. Notre Dame	0-1	L

Top Left: Agawam sets up their offensive line on Thanksgiving Day.
Top Right: Robert McGeoghan attempts to avoid the opposition to move the ball up the field.
Bottom Left: John Kudlic sacks the West Side quarter back.
Bottom Right: Joseph Toto prepares to pass the ball to an open player.

After recieving a pass from Joseph Toto, Andrew Cayer runs up the field.

Left: Brandon Richard makes a critical tackle.
Right: Agawam's defensive line prepares to rush Longmeadow's offense.

Front Row: Jonathan Gardner, Geoffrey Putnam, Scott Colby, Shane Hope, Ethan Rheault, Justin Chartier, Michael Rigali, Frank Sacco, Matthew Graham, Mason Conlon, Justin Enriquez, Jacob Depalo
Second Row: Jonell Delgado, Cody Fitzsimmons, Kyle Craig, Shane Lafond, John Kudlic, Robert McGeoghan, JR Heffner, Joseph Toto, James Ivanov, Stephen Johnson, Andrew Cayer
Third Row: Joseph Ceccarini, Patrick Murphy, Michael Paulin, Brandon Richard, Tyler Devoe, Adam Howe, Justin Bishop, Jeremy Johnston, Christopher Williams, Ashton LeClair
Forth Row: Giani DePalma, Daniel Bobecki, Christopher Lombardi, Tesfaye Bihonegne, Nicholas Vecchiarelli, Kevin Chevalier, John Cowell, Dominic Serra, Daniel Rivera, Mario Rigali, Christopher Goralczyk, Andrew Walles
Fifth Row: Asst. Coach Matthew Desautels, Kevin Mackin, Kevin Fruwirth, Robert Carrier, Christopher Vann, Alexander Efstratios, Jack Murphy, Thaddeus Dobek, Asst. Coach Lucas Maciariello

Roster: Raymond Adams, Aaryn Bolden, Nicholas Ceccarini, Matthew Chaban, Timothy Dobek, Anthony Foley, Rebecca Fondakowski, Kyle Fraga, Brian Gingras, Eric-John Holt, Dominic Iannuzzi, Arthur Korotich, Alexander Kresock, Zachary LaMountain, Kyle LeClair, Jacob Loughman, Jonathon Mach, Dayan Morais, Marcellus Morris-Coleman, Brandon Pellerin, John Pietroniro, Zachary Plamondon, Timothy Provost, Benjamin Roman, Timothy Rooney, Preston Sharpe, Mark Simons, Jeffery Smith, Ryan Stork, Dustin Watson, Stefen Welch, Mathew Wysocki

Captains Frank Sacco, Michael Rigali, Justin Chartier, standing with Asst. Coach Matthew Desautels

Football

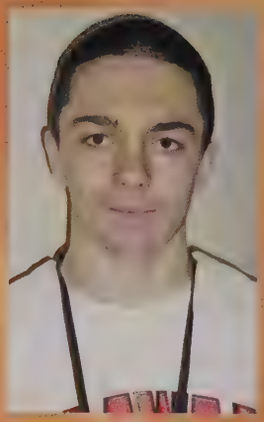
After losing many seniors to graduation, Agawam Football was not sure what to expect in the coming 2008 season. The team was very young, but showed talent on all levels. The first game was against Cathedral and would reveal what the Brownies would be working with for the rest of the year. They easily won 34-0 and excelled in picking up turnovers. They had many new plays to work with. Over the course of the next few games, the Brownies split wins and losses fifty-fifty. From the beginning, they knew Northampton would be a tough team to beat. At the start of the game, they were down by seven, which previously spelled disaster for the Brownies. However, for the first time this season the Brownies came back to win 19-7. In tough games, the team turned to their powerful Lineman Justin Chartier, Running Back Michael Rigali, and Quarterback Joseph Toto. Their season was marked with hard work, determination, and many long hours on the practice field. With a 4-7 record, the Brownies are looking for a great season next year with a lot of experience and talent.

"I love the sport because of the teammates I have. They are another family to me and I get to hit people without getting in trouble."
-Brandon Richard '10

"I love the collision and the chills you receive when first walking onto the field on Friday nights."
-Matthew Graham '09

"The best off field moments are when the team goes to Nicky's and shares quality time with each other."
-Ashton LeClair '11

Name: Alexander Efstratios
"Competitive"
Position: Free Safety/Tail Back
Number: 32
Class of 2012



For AJ Efstratios, the love of football came early in his life. He started playing in fifth grade when he was tired of soccer and looking for a little more contact. Now, the contact and high intensity has become his favorite aspects of the game. AJ continued, "I also love the team aspect of football and how we become a family."

"My favorite part of football is getting to come out on Friday nights and play on Harmon Smith field with my teammates," says AJ. The memory of starting his first varsity game as a freshman will forever last in AJ's mind. To get ready for games, AJ likes to listen to music and sit alone getting pumped for the battle ahead.

"One goal I would like to accomplish during my years at AHS is win a super bowl," AJ said. Besides football, he also plays basketball and runs track. Still young, AJ isn't exactly sure what the future holds, but he hopes to play basketball after high school is over.

Varsity

09/13/08	Cathedral	34-0	W
09/19/08	Commerce	35-13	W
09/28/08	Chicopee Comp	9-16	L
10/03/08	Minnechaug	0-50	L
10/10/08	Amherst	35-0	W
10/17/08	Holyoke	0-46	L
10/24/08	Northampton	19-7	W
10/31/08	Central	2-54	L
11/07/08	Longmeadow	20-49	L
11/14/08	Westfield	22-47	L
11/27/08	West Springfield	0-39	L

Top Left: Joshua Doherty veers left of the green.
Top Right: Kevin Wheeler eyes his next stroke.
Bottom Left: Connor Wytrych is in mid swing during his match.
Bottom Right: Brian Hersey watches his shot sail towards the pin.

Victor DeCaro knocks the ball out of the sand trap.

Left: Joshua Doherty keeps his eyes focused on the golf ball.
Right: Anthony Vecchiarelli thinks about his up coming putt.

Kneeling: Kevin Wheeler, Anthony Vecchiarelli, David Farwell, Daniel Masciotra, Shawn Zaborowski
Standing: Adam Brown, Brian Hersey, Victor DeCaro, Connor Wytrych, Michael Hearn, Joshua Doherty, Jeffrey LaZazzera
Missing: Coach William L'Heurex

Kneeling: Jesse Armfield, Gino Palazzi, Stephen Buoniconti, Brian Benson, David Farwell
Standing: Brian Hersey, Tyler Karam, Matthew Cassie, Sean Meade, Andrew Smith, Kevin Paulin, Katherine Fife
Missing: Coach Mary Wolochowicz

Captains Victor DeCaro, Jeffrey LaZazzera, and Joshua Doherty

GOLF

The AHS Golf Team ended their season last year with a second place spot in the Western Mass. tournament. Even though they didn't win the tournament like they had hoped, they were still very satisfied and were excited about next season. Having only lost three seniors, the team was very confident starting the 2008 season with most of their top players returning.

The season started off promising with five wins in their first six matches. Their success continued throughout the rest of the season and the team finished it off with a regular-season record of 14-6. This record was substantial enough to get them into the Western Mass. tournament yet again.

The team was very excited about their match, hoping that this would be the year they would win. Unfortunately, they lost, putting an end to their fantastic season. Five of the team's top players will be graduating this year, which makes the remaining players willing to put in the extra practice to have the team reach their ultimate goal. They are remaining positive about next season and refuse to give up their goal of winning Western Mass.

"Our team's strongest aspect is the ability to thrive under pressure."
–Josh Doherty '09

"My favorite memory of the season was our second match at West Springfield Country Club. Josh (Doherty) got a hole-in-one and I shot a 37."
–Shawn Zaborowski '11

"My favorite team memory was when we went all the way out to Taconic and came out on top in an eighteen-hole match."
–Kevin Paulin '10

Name: Adam Brown
"Determined"
Class of 2010

Adam Brown has been playing golf for almost twelve years. It has been a big part of his life for a long time. "I first wanted to play because it was really fun and I loved it right away," says Adam.

Adam is now a junior at AHS and has been on varsity since his freshman year. "I love being on the AHS team," Adam says. "My teammates are great to hang out with and we have a lot of great memories from the season." Because of his seniority, Adam is looking at a possible captain position for the 2009 season. For next season, Adam is confident that his team will make it to the Western Mass. Tournament for the third year in a row. He is hopeful that they will win the Western Mass. title and go on to the state finals.

Besides golf, Adam is also avidly devoted to AHS baseball. Like most of us, Adam is not quite sure which college he would like to attend yet, but he is absolutely positive that wherever he goes, he will continue his passion for golf.

Varsity

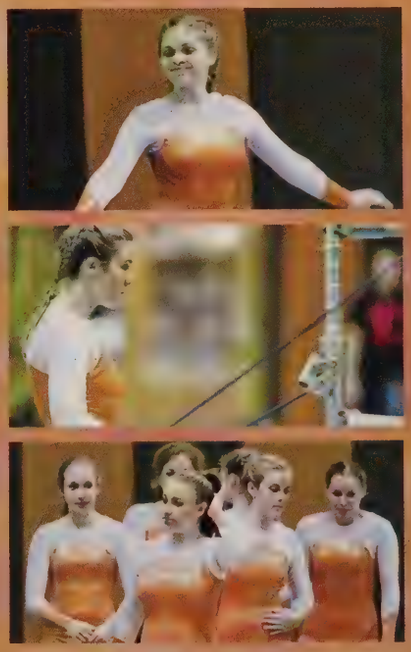
09/02/08	Cathedral	222-243	W
09/03/08	West Springfield	227-265	W
09/10/08	Minnechaug	250-240	L
09/15/08	Chicopee	246-300	W
09/16/08	South Hadley	241-246	W
09/17/08	East Longmeadow	240-254	W
09/22/08	Cathedral	242-279	W
09/23/08	Southwick	245-285	W
09/24/08	Longmeadow	240-238	L
09/25/08	West Springfield	240-295	W
09/29/08	Palmer	244-238	L
09/30/08	Central	229-263	W
10/01/08	Minnechaug	223-234	W
10/02/08	Longmeadow	237-232	L
10/06/08	South Hadley	238-231	L
10/07/08	Northampton	250-268	W
10/08/08	East Longmeadow	244-242	L
10/13/08	Taconic	243-248	W
10/14/08	Chicopee Comp	238-298	W
10/16/08	Westfield	248-275	W

Top Left: Lauren Weiner prepares her next move on the balance beam.
Top Right: Michele Lemieux does her best to impress on the beam.
Bottom Left: The team prepares for the upcoming competition.
Bottom Right: Brittney Twohig executes her routine on the uneven bars.

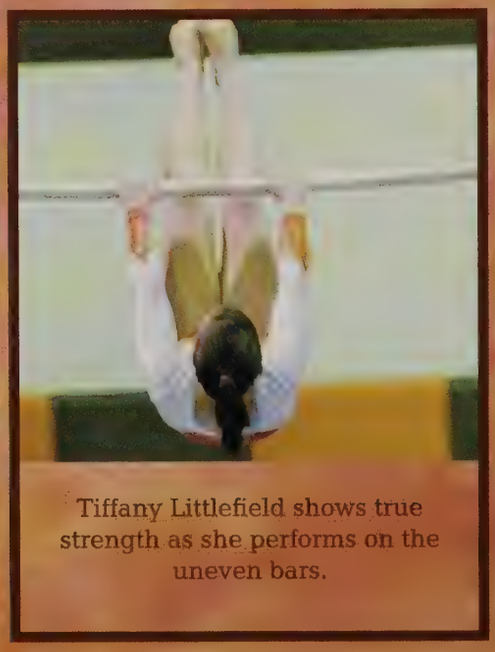
Standing: Stefanie Littlefield, Lauren Weiner, Michele Lemieux, Tiffany Littlefield, Coach Lindsey Hadden
Kneeling: Cpt. Megan Dupre, Brittney Twohig, Cpt. Brittany Laflamme

Brittany Laflamme in the middle of performing her routine on the uneven bars.

Captains Megan Dupre and Brittany Laflamme standing with Coach Lindsey Hadden



Left: Michele Lemieux is in the midst of a complicated stunt.
Right: Brittany Laflamme finishes her floor routine.



Tiffany Littlefield shows true strength as she performs on the uneven bars.

Gymnastics

The 2008 varsity gymnastics team was successful this season, even with only seven members. Each meet, they grew as individual competitors and as a team. Drive and an unyielding work ethic were never in short supply. Each team member practiced everyday on their individual routines and prepared for each event. In the Western Massachusetts Tournament, the Brownies placed a solid third. This was a huge accomplishment for the team, as they beat out many other competitors whose own teams were twice their size in number. Junior Stefanie Littlefield and Senior Co-Captains Megan Dupre and Brittany Laflamme were the top Agawam competitors in the tournament. Laflamme received the great honor of being the first Brownie to be awarded the Senior Gymnast Award. Besides Western Mass., the girls will always recall their meet against top rival, Chicopee Comp. "Our most satisfying meet was senior night when we beat Chicopee Comp. That was a huge improvement for us and a great boost for Western Mass.," recalled Captain Laflamme. Wrapping up the season on a positive note, the girls ended with an impressive 10-5 record.

"I see [the] team achieving whatever they believe they can achieve next year. I know they will do great and strive for excellence."
-Brittney Twohig '09

"[My favorite memory was] when our team had our highest team score on senior night against our rivals, and defeated them."
-Stefanie Littlefield '10

"I love gymnastics because all of us are really close friends and are supportive toward each other"
-Michele Lemieux '11

Name: Lauren Weiner
"Short"
Position: All-around
Class of 2010

Gymnast Lauren Weiner has been competing in the sport of gymnastics ever since she can remember. Learning the basics at the age of twelve, she carried her skills and competition experience from her early teens right into high school.

As a freshman, Lauren became a part of the close-knit gymnastics team at AHS and soon went on to participate in diving for the swim team and running for the outdoor track team.

She likes the fact that her and her fellow gymnasts are like one big family during the season and get along so well. When asked why she was so passionate about the graceful sport, Lauren said, "I love gymnastics, because it takes everything to be able to do it: strength, balance, flexibility, speed, grace, and so much more. It takes so much dedication." Before Lauren can compete in any meet she makes sure to get herself focused. She blasts the music from her iPod and participates in pre-meet cheers with her teammates.

As a member of the varsity gymnastics team, Lauren has set an important goal for both herself and her team. She wants all of the girls to always have fun during the season and to do their very best with the small family that is the gymnastics team.

Varsity

09/24/08	Chicopee Comp	125-130	L
09/24/08	Hampshire	125-121	W
09/30/08	Hampshire	121-117	W
09/30/08	Westfield	121-127	L
10/07/08	Minnechaug	127-124	W
10/07/08	Gateway Regional	127-113	W
10/14/08	Chicopee Comp	126-132	L
10/14/08	Minnechaug	126-122	W
10/16/08	Gateway Regional	126-111	W
10/16/08	Westfield	126-136	L
10/21/08	Westfield	127-133	L
10/28/08	Hampshire	130-127	W
10/28/08	Minnechaug	130-122	W
11/06/08	Chicopee Comp	131-130	W
11/06/08	Gateway	131-118	W
11/14/08	WMass Tournament	3rd Place	

Top Left: Vincent Nitri traps an oncoming pass from a teammate.
Top Right: Andrew Mattarazzo saves the ball from going out of bounds.
Bottom Left: Andrew Schnepp steals the ball from a Ludlow opponent.
Bottom Right: Aaron Carrier jumps

Victor Ronca, Angelo DePalma, David Franco, and Andrew Mattarazzo celebrate a goal in their game against Chicopee Comp.

Left: Steven Costa lunges for the ball.
Right: Angelo DePalma is extremely agressive while going after the ball.

Standing: Coach Thomas Smith, Cpt. Steven Costa, Angelo DePalma, Conor Rieker, Cpt. Andrew Schnepp, Cpt. Andrew Mattarazzo, Matthew Lemieux, Vincent Nitri, Victor Ronca, David Franco, Kristopher Carrington, Nikos Kalaitzidis
Kneeling: Timothy Olson, Anthony Nitri, Dalton Ashwell, Richard Porfilio, Cian O'Sullivan, Lukas Buiso, Steven Fleming, Alexander Thomas, Cpt. Aaron Carrier

Standing: Anthony Montano, Kyle Szatrowski, Thomas Moore, Ryan Rackliffe, Gregorio Santa, Ryan Labonte, Matthew Stelma, Zachary Seaver
Kneeling: Brandon Moore, Scott Urban, Michael Cortese, Brian Piquette, Christian Reed, Steven Jefferson
Sitting: James Regnier, Gaetano Scuderi, Evan Lottermoser, Tyler Coughlin, Stephen Laflamme **Missing:** Coach Nicholas Gumlaw

Standing: Collin Ritter, Nicholas D'Amours, Zachary Hanchett, Ryker Verelst, Kyle Beroth, Patrick Shea, Jonathan Reidy, William Howe, Coach Jeffrey Dawson
Kneeling: Jordan Magnolia, Dillon Cecchi, Ryan Lombardini, Lucas Giusto, Matthew Montano, Jesse Jergensen, Jacob Conway, Coty Shean, Jacob Tilsch

Boys Soccer

Boys soccer had a comeback year like no other. With a previous record of 4-14-2, Agawam shocked and amazed all with an overall record of 6-6-4. For the first time in five years, Agawam Boys Soccer made it into post-season play. With twelve stellar seniors and many experienced underclassmen, they were able to balance their play on all parts of the field. Victor Ronca, Angelo DePalma, Andrew Mattarazzo, and Andrew Schnepp were stand out players on the offense and defense, while Aaron Carrier played amazing games in goal.

By far, the most memorable in-season game was Agawam facing the Lancers on Longmeadow's home turf. They were down 3-0, which usually spells defeat for most teams. Agawam decided that they would not settle for that and came on stronger than ever. They came back and scored two goals as time was running out. Finally, in the last thirty seconds, they scored yet again to tie the game.

After a tied game against West Side, Agawam Soccer was officially in the playoffs. They first faced Chicopee Comp in a muddy battle at home. In the end, Chicopee Comp had one goal, but Agawam had scored two. This meant Agawam would continue to the quarter finals. They faced Amherst, where they put up a good fight, but ended their season with a 0-5 loss.

"Our team's strongest aspect was our defense, and how we always manage to make a come back. We don't give up."
-Richard Porfilio '11

"My favorite memory of the season is when Angelo scored the game-tying goal against Longmeadow with only two minutes left."
-Lukas Buiso '10

"The best moment off the field was when Costa threw a pasta party and we had Schnepp's keys and moved his car down the street."
-Alexander Thomas '10

Name: Cian O'Sullivan
"Skillful"
Position: Center Midfield
Number: 12
Class of 2012

After seeing his first professional soccer game at the age of four, Cian O'Sullivan knew his life would be filled with soccer. The game soon became a passion of his, and he found enjoyment every time he stepped on a field.

Looking back on the season Cian says, "My favorite memory of high school soccer is winning our first play-off game. This was my favorite memory because it was an exciting game, and everybody was so happy after winning." Although they lost in the next round, Cian sees his team winning Western Mass. before his time at AHS is up.

Cian says, "Even though it is only my first year, I already feel like part of the team. This team has a lot of fun, whether at practice or at pasta parties. I have a lot of memories that will last for a long time." To get ready for games, Cian likes to analyze the battle ahead of him while sitting and listening to music. He also plays basketball and maple soccer. He hopes to play soccer in college; hopefully at Boston College.

Varsity

09/04/08	East Longmeadow	1-1	T
09/08/08	Amherst	3-2	W
09/15/08	Minnechaug	0-1	L
09/18/08	Ludlow	0-1	L
09/22/08	Chicopee	1-2	L
09/25/08	Holyoke	2-2	T
09/29/08	Central	2-0	W
10/01/08	Cathedral	1-0	W
10/03/08	Longmeadow	3-3	T
10/07/08	Westfield	3-0	W
10/09/08	West Springfield	0-3	L
10/13/08	Southwick	2-0	W
10/14/08	Chicopee	1-1	T
10/17/08	Holyoke	4-2	W
10/21/08	Central	2-2	T
10/24/08	Westfield	0-0	T
10/30/08	Longmeadow	0-1	L
11/03/08	West Springfield	0-0	T
11/08/08	Chicopee Comp	2-1	W
11/10/08	WMASS Qtr Final v. Amerst	0-5	L

Top Left: Leah Dominique head butts the ball to deny the Westfield players.
Top Right: Delanie Sapelli goes after the ball.
Bottom Left: Megan Moriarty dribbles the ball towards the net.
Bottom Right: Gabrielle Gonet dribbles the ball towards the net.

Megan Breault winds up to kick the ball up the field.

Left: Laura Masciotra keeps the ball from being in the possession of Westfield.
Right: Faith Johnson looks for the pass from another team player.

Sitting: Allyson Witaszek, Kara Peters, Samantha Butt, Alexi Lovechio, Meghan Judd, Megan Moriarty
Kneeling: Laura Masciotra, Amanda Cummings, Jamie Corriveau, Emily Gendron, Jillian Van Ness, Faith Johnson, Maryssa Gonet
Standing: Mngr Daniella Grimaldi, Gabrielle Gonet, Rachel Butt, Cpt. Delanie Sapelli, Cpt. Michelle Curtis, Cpt. Taylor Hartmann, Leah Dominique, Allison Black, Megan Breault, Coach Laura Ramos

Kneeling: Leisl Bard, Brittany Randall, Angela Grassetti, Carly Pilon, Kylea McGrath, Chelcy Hanson, Celina Marasi, Kasey Martin, Jennifer Kapinos, Erin Olson
Standing: Mngr Courtney Bussiere, Emily Langlois, Emily Brown, Jessica Uschmann, Nicole Johnson, Felicia Coughlin, Lauren Braska, Alicia Busco, Kate May, Brittney Bussiere, Coach Vanessa Galluzzo

Kneeling: Kristina Vickers, Marissa Mias, Liana Blais, Paige Moriarty, Molly Tourville, Victoria Smith, Ashley Higgins, Lauren Lemire
Standing: Alexis Page, Ashley Tebaldi, Alexis Michaelian, Leticia Santa, Emily Davenport, Valerie Lattell, Brooke Walsh, Coach Stephanie Obue

Girls Soccer

The Agawam Girls Varsity Soccer Team finished their season with an over-all record of four wins, ten losses and two ties. It was a tough season, but this did not keep these girls from giving a hundred percent at every practice and game.

There was a lot of great chemistry on the team and many positives that they all shared with one another throughout the season. On and off the field the players were constantly together. They were truly friends and had many memorable times during the games, team sleepovers, and dinners. One of the most memorable moments was beating West Side on their home field, an exciting experience for any Agawam athlete.

The team will be graduating quite a few seniors this year, but the remaining players are excited about next season. They look forward to welcoming new talent on the varsity team.

Name: Kara Peters
"Determined"
Position: Forward
Number: 1

Kara Peters has been playing soccer since she was five years old, and has loved it ever since. Her two older sisters played, which made Kara want to pick up a soccer ball as well.

Because of her hard work and the help of her sisters, she excelled at the sport and it quickly became a big part of her life.

Now, Kara is one of the varsity team's youngest starters. Her skills are very advanced for her age, which causes her to acquire a lot of playing time. Her constant energy never fails to pump up the team before and during games. "She's our little ball of fire," says senior goalie, Michelle Curtis.

Besides soccer, Kara also plans to play basketball and softball for AHS during the upcoming seasons.

Unlike most other freshman who haven't even thought about college yet, Kara has already decided where she would like to go. Pending her graduation, Kara plans to attend Gordon College in Wenham, Massachusetts, where she hopes to continue her soccer career.

"Although we did not win many games, we definitely outplayed most of our opponents. Our record does not reflect how well we played or how hard we worked."
-Michelle Curtis '09

"Our team's strongest aspect was our chemistry. Everybody got along great, worked well together, and everyone always managed to have a good time."
-Gabrielle Gonet '10

"Our team's strongest aspect was keeping a positive attitude no matter what and giving 120 percent during every game."
-Megan Judd '09

Varsity

09/08/08	Minnechaug	0-7	L
19/12/08	Belchertown	0-3	L
09/15/08	Ludlow	2-4	L
19/16/08	East Longmeadow	0-2	L
09/18/08	West Springfield	4-0	W
09/23/08	Cathedral	0-1	L
09/29/08	East Longmeadow	1-2	L
10/02/08	Westfield	0-0	T
10/06/08	Longmeadow	1-2	L
10/14/08	Pittsfield	0-2	L
10/16/08	West Springfield	1-3	L
10/17/08	Amherst	1-3	L
10/20/08	Belchertown	1-1	T
10/23/08	Westfield	4-0	W
10/27/08	Longmeadow	1-0	W
10/31/08	Amherst	4-2	W

Top Left: Pratiti Nakrani attacks the ball, hitting it right past the Ludlow blockers.
Top Right: Rebecca Schnepp approaches the net for a right side hit.
Bottom Left: Jessica Friedrich bumps the ball up to the setter.
Bottom Right: The team huddles before their match against Ludlow.

Carole Duquette jumps high for a middle hit after being set by Regina Sibilia.

Left: Jessica Colson makes a quick save after covering the block by Ludlow.
Right: Caitlin Paulin tips the ball back over the net just out of the reach of Ludlow's middle blocker.

Standing: Cpt. Regina Sibilia, Pratiti Nakrani, Jessica Friedrich, Caitlin Paulin, Carole Duquette, Taryn Doyle, Alyssa McNair, Coach Patricia Demers
Kneeling: Kathleen Kraas, Christina Pietroniro, Kristin Gill, Cpt. Laken Gendron, Rebecca Schnepp, Jessica Colson

Standing: Kathryn Meyrick, Kristina D'Amours, Amanda Burton, Kelly Grindle, Jessica Kierkla, Kristina Smethurst, Coach Patricia Demers
Kneeling: Maurisa Ollari, Cynthia Macaulay, Brittany Discher, Courtney Rivest, Kayla Bertrand, Preeti Nakrani

Standing: Coach Patricia Demers, Kimberly Fiedler, Sara Mirolli, Erica LaCroix, Sarah Murphy, Alyssa Piotrowski, Taylor Footit
Kneeling: Ashley Mullen, Irene Nesen, Nicole Parent, Heather Gonyeau, Kelsie Cartwright, Danielle Circosta, Christina Vilkhovoy

Girls Volleyball

For the 2008 girls varsity volleyball team, it was a rebuilding year that brought the team members closer together than any prior Agawam team. The season game opener ended in triumph for the girls, beginning their season with a 3-0 win over the Westfield Bombers. Agawam kept their winning streak alive beating Sci-Tech 3-0 and clutching a win over Ludlow, coming all the way back after being down by two games. Then after suffering a loss, the Brownies fought for five games to win against the arch rival Terriers, going point for point in each game. The top outside hitters for the varsity team included Junior Jessica Friedrich and Senior Kristin Gill. As middle hitters, Senior Caitlin Paulin and Sophomore Carole Duquette were the team's major blockers and able to get kills off of some quick sets. Playing a 6-2 offense, Senior Setter Regina Sibilia, and Junior Setter Rebecca Schnepp both received many assists and were key play makers. Although AVV's record did not reflect the heart of the team and how close the matches actually were, the team is looking forward to a successful 2009 season.

"My favorite memory from the season was almost beating East Longmeadow and blocking Jessie Schnepp."
-Carole Duquette '11

"Every practice we got closer. Even though the season is over, our team is once a family, always a family."
-Christina Pietroniro '10

"As a team, before every home game we would go into the back hall and have a very loud dance party. It united our team, and was a lot of fun."
-Pratiti Nakrani '09

Name: Rebecca Schnepp
"Spastic"
Position: Setter
Number: 11
Class of 2010

Rebecca Schnepp found her love of volleyball in the fall of her freshmen year at Agawam High School. She initially came to know the sport by watching her sister play during her four years of high school.

As a first year player, Becca displayed her skills during tryouts and landed a spot on the junior varsity team. In fact, it was during her freshmen year that her favorite volleyball memory took place. "Freshmen year, during a game, when I didn't see the ball coming, it hit the top of my head and went over the net" Becca recalled.

After two years on the junior varsity team, Becca earned a starting position on the 2008 varsity squad. She became an intricate part of the team's 6-2 offense as one of the setters on the floor. "I love to play because of the adrenaline rush I get during a game," Schnepp said.

It is not only the fast pace of the game that keeps Becca's adrenaline pumping; the pre-game warm-up and dance parties always get her focused. Besides playing her heart out and dancing with her teammates, she loves the team atmosphere that surrounds her. During the fall, she sees her teammates on the team as her second family.

As for the upcoming 2009 season, Becca has made it her ultimate goal to have the team make it to the Western Mass. Tournament.

Varsity

09/03/08	Westfield	3-0	W
09/05/08	Sci-Tech	3-1	W
09/09/08	Ludlow	3-2	W
09/12/08	East Longmeadow	0-3	L
09/19/08	West Springfield	3-2	W
09/22/08	Belchertown	1-3	L
09/23/08	Minnechaug	2-3	L
09/25/08	Longmeadow	0-3	L
09/29/08	Amherst	1-3	L
10/01/08	Westfield	3-0	W
10/03/08	Sci-Tech	3-0	W
10/07/08	East Longmeadow	0-3	L
10/10/08	West Springfield	1-3	L
10/15/08	Turners Falls	0-3	L
10/17/08	Minnechaug	0-3	L
10/21/08	Longmeadow	0-3	L
10/23/08	Amherst	0-3	L
10/27/08	Ludlow	2-3	L

Top Left: Victor Ronca goes for a lay up in the game against Ludlow.
Top Right: Matthew Graham is ready to deliver the ball to make a basket.
Bottom Left: Alexander Efstratios drives past the Ludlow defense to the basket.
Bottom Right: Ryan Labonte squares up to the hoop to take a shot.

Justin Miller gains control of the ball for Agawam during a tip off against Ludlow.

Left: Andrew Schnepp is a brick wall on defense.
Right: Andrew Mattarrazzo is not letting anyone slip by.

Standing: Kyle Craig, Andrew Mattarazzo, Justin Miller, Connor Wytrych, Cpt. Andrew Schnepp, Coach David Federico
Kneeling: Victor Ronca, Anthony Wallace, Cpt. Matthew Graham, Alexander Efstratios, Ryan Labonte

Standing: Shane Lafond, Andrew Smith, Joseph Commane, Cameron Paleologopoulos, Anthony Lucci, Kyle Szatrowski, Coach David Federico
Kneeling: Timothy Dean, Christopher Colitti, Cian O'Sullivan, Anthony Vecchiarelli, Anthony Rescigno

Standing: Tyler Karam, Vincenzo Wetmore, Christopher Goralczyk, William Cotrone, Samuel Fowler, Nicholas D'Amours, Coach Timothy Karetka
Kneeling: Brandon D'Amours, Brandon Moore, Tyler Coughlin, Dillon Cecchi, Collin Ritter, Evan Lottermoser

BOYS BASKETBALL

Playing the sport they love is what drives many of the guys on the AHS varsity basketball team to strive for victory. This varsity squad was a real team, as all of the players contributed in their own way and brought a lot of talent onto the court. Each team member played with intensity and always looked for open lanes to drive to the hoop or crash the boards to bring down rebounds. This year's team captains, Andrew Schnepp and Matthew Graham, both showed strong leadership and would always rally the team to take home some big victories. "The strongest asset was our inside out game because we had solid big men and shooters," said Captain Matthew Graham when asked about this year's varsity team. Two of the biggest wins this season were against Ludlow and arch rival West Springfield. On February 6th, the boys hosted the Ludlow Lions, and after the final buzzer, the Brownies had an 80-76 win. Then on the last game of the season, the guys tore up the Terriers 56-48 on West Springfield's home court. Although the boys missed out on post-season play, they had some really great games and even sweeter victories.

"What I love about basketball are the big games and all the pressure that you feel before a big game."
- Connor Wytrych '10

"The best memory of the season was when we beat Putnam in overtime. Victor Ronca hit the tying shot as time expired."
- Andrew Mattarazzo '09

"Coach Fed is the reason why I love my sport. Also, its a sport that includes teamwork and high intensity which I enjoy a lot."
- Anthony Wallace '11

Victor Ronca
"Scrappy"
Position: Small Forward
Number: 12
Class of 2009

Senior, Victor Ronca, is a two-year member of the Agawam Varsity Boys Basketball team. He dominates in the small forward position and is known for his hustle and intense play. As a seventh grader he discovered his talent for the game of basketball. "I decided to play when I crossed up John Rossi in a pick-up game and that inspired me," said Victor.

With his mind now focused on becoming an all-star, Victor quickly earned a starting position for the AHS team. Out of all the opponents that he has faced on the court, one game against Putnam sticks out in his mind. Victor hit a beautiful buzzer beater that sent the game into overtime. It was the forty foot three pointer that eventually sent Agawam on to win.

His favorite memory may be his sweet shot but his favorite part of being on the varsity team is "being able to spend three hours with Matt Graham everyday." On a more serious note, Victor is ready to leave all that he has on the court in order to obtain his goal of seeing the team make the Western Mass. Tournament.

When he's not draining three pointers on the court, he is competing at the varsity level for the boys soccer team. He is also a member of the Future Teachers of America Club. Victor has definitely shown that he is a force to be reckoned with and is a go-to-guy in the clutch to swish the game changing **shot.**

Varsity

12/12/08	Chicopee Comp	65-78	L
12/15/08	Commerce	42-45	L
12/18/08	Sci-Tech	45-59	L
12/23/08	Renaissance	56-36	W
12/29/08	Holyoke	52-59	L
01/02/09	Chicopee	48-59	L
01/05/09	Minnechaug	49-60	L
01/08/09	Westfield	49-53	L
01/12/09	Minnechaug	41-52	L
01/15/09	Putnam	61-54	W
01/20/09	Ludlow	57-63	L
01/23/09	East Longmeadow	**57-75**	L
01/27/09	Northampton	45-61	**L**
01/30/09	South Hadley	57-52	W
02/03/09	West Springfield	32-46	**L**
02/06/09	Ludlow	80-76	**W**
02/10/09	East Longmeadow	**55-69**	**L**
02/13/09	Northampton	**57-71**	**L**
02/16/09	South Hadley	60-62	L
02/18/09	West Springfield	56-48	W

Top Left: Taylor Hartmann beats her opponent to the basket and makes an easy lay up.
Top Right: Mackenzie Doyle blocks a shot by Hampshire.
Bottom Left: Jamie Corriveau passes to an open teammate.
Bottom Right: Morgan Lockwood is intent on taking the ball to the hoop.

Rachel Butt breaks through the arms of the opposing team to grab a rebound.

Left: Heather Krassler prepares to take a three point shot.
Right: Nicole Johnson keeps the ball away from the Hampshire defense.

Standing: Coach Harold Cote, Jessica Frawley, Cpt. Mackenzie Doyle, Samantha Howe, Kyleigh Oliveira, Heather Krassler
Kneeling: Jamie Corriveau, Morgan Lockwood, Cpt. Taylor Hartmann, Cpt. Rachel Butt, Nicole Johnson

Standing: Samantha Rivest, Jenna Roy, Carly Michel, Felicia Coughlin, Jessica Polaski, Cassandra Rivest, Coach David Proulx
Kneeling: Jessica Colson, Kara Peters, Samantha Butt, Miranda Polaski, Jessica Uschmann, Leisl Bard **Missing:** Colleen Keeley

Standing: Coach Keeley Conte, Alexis Page, Leticia Santa, Alicia Busco, Ashley Tebaldi, Sara Mirolli, Mngr Amanda Burton, Coach Meaghan Serra
Kneeling: Alyssa Piotrowski, Leah Dominique, Kelsie Cartwright, Emily Langlois, Danielle Circosta **Missing:** Mary Kate DeForge

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Agawam's Varsity Girls Basketball Team had a very successful season this winter. The girls overall record was 13-9 with them reaching post-season play for the first time in four years. On senior night, the Brownies wanted nothing more than to beat the Central's Golden Eagles and soon brought home a 43-40 win for the 2009 senior players. All season, Senior Captain Mackenzie Doyle was a powerhouse under the hoop and showed the true heart of the team by playing through injuries. Senior Captain Taylor Hartmann was one of the team's leading scorers along with Sophomore Jessica Frawley who swished 15 points in an away game against West Springfield. Senior Captain Rachel Butt and Junior Morgan Lockwood were known as two of the best defenders on the roster. Agawam soon brought themselves into the tournament with a solid win over Cathedral High School. In the preliminary round AHS hosted the Chicopee Comp. Colts and the Brownies ended the night with a victory. The fans during this game dressed all in white to ensure that the hometown team would "white out" the competition. In the Quarter Finals at East Longmeadow the fans showed up for the Agawam "black out" watching their team come out strong in the first half. Sadly, the girls could not snatch up the victory to move on to the semi-finals but they accomplished so much this season and are confident that they will go even farther next year.

"[The team's strongest asset was] that we were all friends with each other, there were no negative vibes, and we played as a team."
- Taylor Hartmann '09

"[Next season] I see our team continuing to grow and get better as a team."
- Jessica Frawley '11

"My favorite memory from the season was beating East Longmeadow by two points because [at that time] it was their only loss of the season."
- Mackenzie Doyle '09

Kyleigh Oliveira
"Dedicated"
Position: Forward
Number: 22
Class of 2010

Kyleigh Oliveira took up the game of basketball at the age of six and has not stopped playing since. Kyleigh's mother was a great basketball player and inspired her to play. "I love the sport and have been playing all my life. It's the sport I would give anything and everything for," stated Oliveira.

Kyleigh joined the varsity team as a freshman which would soon become her favorite memory of her high school career. Just as memorable, was the win over Longmeadow on the Lancers senior night during her freshman year. It is not just the victories that Kyleigh loves, but also all of the great memories the team members share because of activities like pasta parties.

She wants to see her team make the post-season tournament this year and win the Western Mass. title. Her individual aspiration is to always play her hardest and be the best teammate and player she can be. **But** before she steps out onto the court, Kyleigh gets herself focused and pumps up her teammates.

This varsity letterman jumps right from AHS basketball and into an intense AAU league. Then she prepares herself for varsity field hockey. Kyleigh has big plans to continue with basketball in college. She has made it a goal to keep basketball a part of her life for as long as she can.

Varsity

12/16/08	Northampton	40-28	L
12/20/08	Westfield	54-36	W
12/27/08	West Springfield	68-74	L
12/30/08	East Longmeadow	45-43	W
01/02/09	Holyoke	63-64	L
01/09/09	Chicopee	36-34	W
01/12/09	East Longmeadow	41-57	L
01/13/09	Hampshire	42-37	W
01/16/09	West Springfield	57-51	W
01/20/09	Amherst	50-41	W
01/22/09	Cathedral	60-29	W
01/26/09	Longmeadow	47-38	W
01/29/09	Central	53-62	L
02/02/09	Minnechaug	31-48	L
02/04/09	Westfield	64-50	W
02/06/09	Ludlow	**46-60**	L
02/09/09	Cathedral	57-31	W
02/12/09	Longmeadow	41-31	W
02/16/09	Central	43-40	**W**
02/19/09	Minnechaug	27-58	**L**
02/23/09	WMass Preliminary v. Chicopee Comp.	50-42	**W**
02/26/09	WMass Qtr. Finals v. East Longmeadow	33-50	**L**

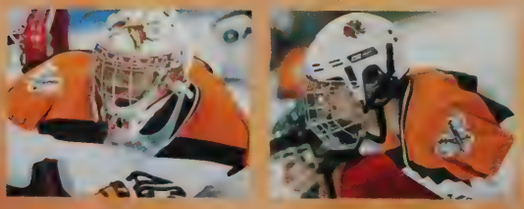
Top Left: Benjamin Belanger is ready for the face-off.
Top Right: Nicholas Planzo fights off Ludlow.
Bottom Left: Kevin Wheeler pins Ludlow against the boards.
Bottom Right: Gage LaFlamme fights for the loose puck.

Standing: Asst. Coach Bill Spear, Asst. Coach John Demont, Mason Conlon, Thomas Matroni, Michael Gruska, Kristopher Ziemba, Karl von Hollander, Andrew Bortolussi,Gage LaFlamme, Brian Hersey, Mason Richard, Andrew Walles, Kevin Mackin, Coach Richard Feeley, Cpt. Robert Johnson, Asst. Coach Stephen Petrolati
Kneeling: Benjamin Belanger, Kevin Wheeler, Joseph Halpy, Steven Fiedler, Devon Basile, Stephen Buoniconti, Eric Wagner, Nicholas Planzo **Missing:** James Roberts-Manning

Kevin Mackin maneuvers the puck up the ice.

Standing: Jacob Baskin, Kyle Keeley, Michael Gruska, Mark Guidetti, Coach Bill Spear
Kneeling: Ryan Sanschagrin, James Williamson, Gino Palazzi, Brandon Juzba, Nathan Nazarenko

Left: Steven Fiedler is ready to protect the goal.
Right: James Roberts-Manning prepares for the start of the game.



Captain Robert Johnson standing with Coach Richard Feeley

ICE HOCKEY

This season was prosperous for the boys on the Agawam Ice Hockey Team. The team had great chemistry which helped them achieve a strong record. The season consisted of 13 wins, 7 losses, and 1 tied game. The players finished their season off on February 26th during the first round of the Western Mass. Tournament. The game was against Holyoke High School and ended with a score of five to three. The game was a close call, and didn't end as planned. However, the hockey team was proud that they made it into the tournament and got the chance to fight for the title. Despite the loss of the eight graduating seniors this year (Captain Robert Johnson, Karl von Hollander, James Roberts-Manning, Mason Conlon, Mason Richard, Steven Fiedler, Gage Laflamme, and Nicholas Planzo), the remaining players are excited to see what the boys on junior varsity have to offer and the talent that new members may add to the team next year. The talent is pretty much spread evenly amongst the team members, which provides a promising outlook for the future of AHS Ice Hockey. The team's members are looking forward to next year's season and are motivated to take the trophy at Western Mass.

Name: Mason Richard
"Different"
Position: Center
Jersey Number: 14
Class of 2009

Mason Richard started playing hockey when he was around the age of five. His father and his friends would often play hockey when they lived in Michigan. Watching the guys play made Mason want to give the sport a try.

Now, Mason is a senior, and hockey has become a big part of his life. He plays center for the varsity team, and loves every minute of it. "Playing hockey makes me feel like I'm a part of something good. I always feel better after a practice or a game, and I love playing with my friends who I've known for so long," Mason says.

Mason wishes the team good luck in the upcoming seasons. He will be joining the United States Marine Corps after graduation. Surprisingly, the USMC has a hockey team, which Mason plans to play on in the future.

"My favorite memory from the season was playing for my town and [with my] friends one last time."
- Karl von Hollander '09

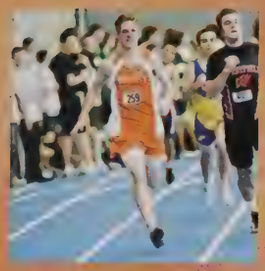
"My favorite memory of the season was getting revenge against Greenfield in the first game by beating them 7-1."
-Andrew Walles '11

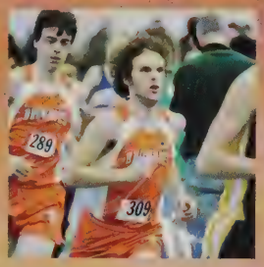
"Our team is loaded with talent. We have great senior leadership and a respected coaching staff."
-Kevin Mackin '10

Varsity

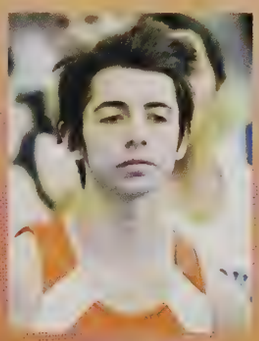
12/13/08	Greenfield	7-1	W
12/17/08	Chicopee Comp	2-0	W
12/20/08	Avon High School	1-4	L
12/26/08	Holyoke	2-5	L
01/03/09	Easthampton	4-2	W
01/06/09	Chicopee	1-5	L
01/08/09	Minnechaug	2-4	L
01/10/09	Amherst	3-3	T
01/13/09	Ludlow	4-2	W
01/14/09	Easthampton	3-1	W
01/17/09	West Springfield	2-3	L
01/20/09	Holyoke	5-2	W
01/24/09	Belchertown	2-1	W
01/30/09	Amherst	3-2	W
02/03/09	Greenfield	8-1	W
02/05/09	Turners Falls	**7-2**	W
02/07/09	Belchertown	3-1	W
02/10/09	Central	11-1	**W**
02/12/09	St. Mary's	5-2	W
02/14/09	West Springfield	2-5	**L**
02/26/09	WMass Qtr. Final v. Holyoke	**3-5**	**L**

Top Left: Matthew Bassette rushes past his opponent.
Top Right: Garrett Asselin sprints with intensity.
Bottom Right: Justin Wright paces himself to beat his competitor.
Bottom Left: Aaron Carrier sticks the landing.



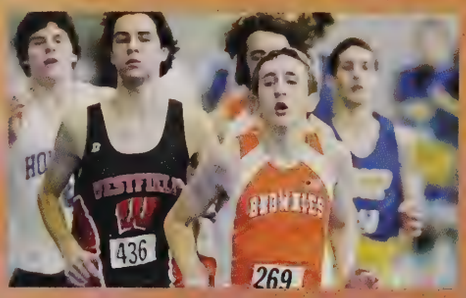


Scott Urban and Christopher Copeland keep their places at the head of the pack during their meet.

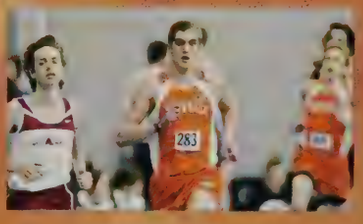


Left: Michael Saccomani launches the shot put.
Right: Andrew Ellsworth has perfect form in the hurdle event at Smith College.

Team Roster: Dalton Ashwell, Cpt. Garrett Asselin, Matthew Bassette, Jeffrey Bertrand, Nicholas Bonafilia, Aaron Carrier, Robert Carrier, Justin Chartier, Victor Ciurleo, Jesse Conklin, Christopher Copeland, Justin Dion, Andrew Ellsworth, Jonathan Fondakowski, Jonathan Gardner, Samuel Gendron, Zachary Hanchett, Dean Howard, Steven Jefferson, Jesse Jergensen, Jeremy Johnston, Kyle Keeley, Matthew Knowlton, Michael Kosior, Kyle LaFoe, Andrew LaMotte, Collin Langlois, Cpt. Brandon Learned, Robert McGeoghan, Joshua Mitchell, Anthony Montano, Matthew Montano, Anthony Nitri, Vincent Nitri, David Olbrych, Kyle Parzich, Kevin Paulin, Michael Paulin, Matthew Perry, Brian Piquette, Richard Porfilio, Conor Rieker, Austin Roberts, Tyler Roberts, Michael Saccomani, Lucas Santolini, Richard Schoolcraft, Gaetano Scuderi, Zachary Seaver, Matthew Settembro, Patrick Shea, Coty Shean, Matthew Stelma, Michael Stempel, Scott Urban, Justin Wright



Captain Brandon Learned and Captain Garrett Asselin standing with Coach Daniel Pryce



BOYS INDOOR TRACK

The AHS Boys Indoor Track team had a rocky start but ended up exceeding all expectations. They were lead by captains Brandon Learned, a distance and middle distance man, and Garrett Asselin, a sprinter and jumper. The team started off the season with some tough competition and had a young and inexperienced team overall. However, they worked hard and showed great determination. They ran outdoors on windy and icy days, had pool practices, sprinted through the hallways of AHS, and strength trained during tae-bo sessions. As the season progressed, they had their exciting victory over Amherst with a score of 48-47. When the PVIAC Championship Meet rolled around the boys came ready to compete. Sophomore Conor Rieker placed first in the boys 1000 meter, Justin Chartier placed second in shot put, and many others placed earning the team points. The boys took home 5th out of nineteen teams and scored 30 points overall. Many also competed in the state championship. With many young members the future for next year's team looks bright.

"(Our team's strongest asset is) probably our stunning good looks. I have to say, we are the best looking team at AHS."
-Aaron Carrier '09

"The team's favorite moment was probably watching Elf on the day before Christmas instead of practicing. Will Farrell is the best!"
-Justin Chartier '09

"I love how we develop our self defense skills in our many tae-bo practices."
-Michael Paulin '10

Name: Conor Rieker
"Perseverance"
Events: 1000 meters, 600 meters, 4X4 relay
Class of 2011

Growing up with a track coach for a father, Conor was sure that his freshman year he would start to run indoor track. His father had coached for thirty years and convinced him to try.

Conor says, "I love track because running is one of my favorite activities. It gives me a sense of freedom, and to me that is the greatest feeling in the world."

Last season, Conor had missed qualifying in the 1000 meter for the state championships by eight tenths of a second. However, this season he qualified at his first meet. Conor's favorite part of track is being with his friends and having a good time. He feels it is a way to unwind after a long school day.

Conor aspires to set a school record before he leaves the high school and feels confident in doing this. To prepare for a meet, Conor likes to listen to music and get focused. He also runs outdoor track and is a member of the varsity soccer team. In addition to high school sports, he also plays soccer for the John Boyle O'Reilly Club. He hopes to continue both soccer and track in college as he continues to progress in both sports.

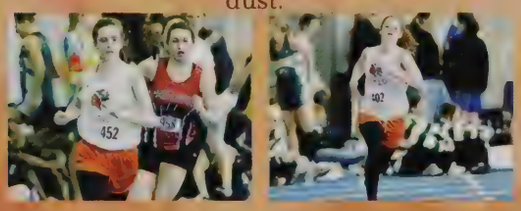
Varsity

12/12/08	Chicopee Comp	34-61	L
01/09/09	Northampton	23-72	L
01/09/09	Minnechaug	29-66	L
01/13/09	Holyoke	35-60	L
01/13/09	West Springfield	43-52	L
01/16/09	Amherst	48-47	W
01/23/09	Longmeadow	23-72	L
02/06/09	Westfield	38-56	L
02/13/09	WMass	5th place	

Top Left: Lauren Brown is unstoppable as she nears the finish line.
Top Right: Megan Breault launches herself into the sand pit.
Bottom Right: Rebecca Montano is focused on the race.
Bottom Left: Marissa Morassi receives the baton and keeps the lead.

Courtney Rivest is neck-and-neck with a runner from Chicopee Comp, but she knows that she will bring home a win for the Brownies.

Left: Kaitlyn Weyant leads Agawam to victory.
Right: Meaghan Foley rounds the corner leaving her competition in the dust.



Team Roster: Alycia Atkinson, Kayla Bertrand, Amanda Bessette, Renae Bessette, Allison Black, Liana Blais, Lauren Braska, Megan Breault, Ashley Brown, Lauren Brown, Amanda Burton, Brittney Bussiere, Courtney Bussiere, Jennifer Casinghino, Ariana Cooper, Brittany Cross, Julia Czelazewicz, Caroline Daubitz, Elizabeth Deane, Jennifer Dudek, Maxine Dudek, Kerri Egan, Emily Fish, Meaghan Foley, Rebecca Fondakowski, Tayler Footit, Caitlin Frazier, Denise Gates, Katherine Geoffrion, Mia Ghedi, Gabrielle Gonet, Heather Gonyeau, Kaley Govoni, Angela Grassetti, Alexa Guidetti, Ashley Hendricks, Ashley Higgins, Brianna Hurley, Samantha Hurley, Sara Jensen, Jennifer Kapinos, Olga Karcha, Stephanie Karrasch, Colleen King, Kristina Kopyscinski, Kathleen Kraas, Valerie Lattell, Lauren Lemire, Karina Litvak, Samantha Lungarini, Gena Mangiaratti, Anna Matys, Allison Mc Cluskey, Cpt. Rebecca Montano, Marissa Morassi, Audrey Moser, Sarah Murphy, Brianna Newton, Jillian Newton, Cpt. Caitlin Paulin, Ashley Putnam, Brittany Randall, Allyson Ripke, Megan Ripke, Courtney Rivest, Gabriela Rossi, Rebecca Schnepp, Carli Sonsini, Kathleen Stempel, Brittany Struck, Molly Uzar, Jillian Van Ness, Kristina Vickers, Carin Wagner, Brooke Walsh, Kaitlyn Weyant, Allyson Witaszek, Cristina Zaffetti

Captain Caitlin Paulin and Captain Rebecca Montano standing with Coach Daniel Pryce

GIRLS TRACK

The girls indoor track team had another record breaking season filled with many personal bests and victories. After losing many point-scoring seniors, the fate of AGVIT was unsure. However, when the first meet came up, all doubt was gone. They dominated Chicopee Comp. 68-27 with ease. Captains Caitlin Paulin and Rebecca Montano lead their team in both spirit and skill. Over the next few weeks, the girl's endurance and dedication was put to the test. Long, tough practices were Coach Pryce's specialty and made all of the athletes stronger and faster. A huge victory over Minnechaug, filled with high levels of competition, was a memorable meet for all. When Western Mass. rolled around, the girls placed third overall. Jennifer Dudek placed second in the mile, Rebecca Montano placed second in the 1000, and Jillian Van Ness won the 55 meter dash in both Western Mass. and the State Championship. The four-by-eight team also broke records again and again. Jennifer Kapinos, Jennifer Dudek, Rebecca Montano, and Denise Gates won Western Mass. and also continued on to States and the All States Championships.

Name: Maxine Dudek
"Dedicated"
Events: 2 Mile, Mile
Class of 2010

After a year of skiing, Maxine "the Max" Dudek decided it was time for a change. Indoor Track became her new winter obsession. She loves the guts and heart it takes to run the intensive workouts indoor track has. Maxine says, "It separates the strong from the weak and makes you feel accomplished when a personal goal is achieved." Maxine also says, "In my opinion our strongest aspect is the determination and the drive that everyone has. We always practice to our best ability and there is no such thing as an 'easy day.'" Despite the strenuous workouts her favorite off track moment was when the team played "the leader game" in the parking lot and destroying the boys team in snowball battles.

As a team, the one goal Maxine hopes for is to win Western Mass. and personally break 12:30 in the two mile. To get ready to do this "The Max" makes herself get angry! She blasts music and gets in the zone. In addition to indoor track, Maxine runs cross country and outdoor track, is in Key Club, and is a pianist.

"I love the meets the most about track because of the adrenaline rush before a race or jump. Also, the bus ride to the meets and back is just so much fun!"
-Allison Black '09

"One of our team's favorite moments would be our crazy fun indoor track banquet which is mostly a dance. We have a party, eat tons of food, and get awards and stuff."
-Jillian Van Ness '09

"I have always liked that the older members of the track team constantly encourage the newcomers as they are trying to find their niche on the team."
-Gena Mangiaratti '09

Varsity

12/12/08	Chicopee Comp	68-27	W
01/09/09	Northampton	44-51	L
01/09/09	Minnechaug	48-47	W
01/13/09	Holyoke	79-16	W
01/13/09	West Springfield	66-29	W
01/16/09	Amherst	46-49	L
01/23/09	Longmeadow	35-60	L
02/06/09	Westfield	64-31	W
02/13/09	WMASS	3rd place	
02/22/09	States	15th place	
02/27/09	All-States	**39th place**	

Top Left: Jesse Armfield glides down the mountain with perfect form.
Top Right: Timothy Olson gets low to keep his balance while avoiding a red pole.
Bottom Left: Alexander King flies down the mountain in perfect skiing conditions.
Bottom Right: Nicholas Giusto makes a left turn on the B-east course.

Standing: Timothy Olson, Nicholas Giusto, Alexander Jones, Coach Michael DeChristopher, Alexander King, Jesse Armfield, Andrew DeChristopher
Kneeling: Celina Marasi, Gina Iannuzzi, Mary Kate Cavallo, Elizabeth Gloster, Stephanie Scherpa, Hannah Hellstein, Kimberly Hitchcock, Mari Leclerc, Emily Brown
Missing: Ashley Breault, Maryssa Gonet

Andrew DeChristopher gets close to the gate as he flies down the course.

Captain Timothy Olson and Captain Andrew DeChristopher standing with Coach Michael DeChristopher

Left: Alexander Jones skis around a blue gate.
Right: A member of the boys ski team moves quickly down the slope.

Timothy Olson skis down the mountain intent on the race and winning first place.

BOYS SKIING

The AHS Boys Varsity Ski Team had a fairly decent season this past year, placing fifth overall in the PVIAC Division A. Although it wasn't as successful a season as last year, there was not one person on the team who was upset in the end. "The season could've been better, but we're definitely not disappointed," says senior co-captain, Andrew DeChristopher. The team's average score throughout the season was 143.73 and their top score was 128.07. The team was led this past season by senior co-captains Andrew DeChristopher and Timothy Olson. They both did a great job in keeping the team's spirit up and making sure that everyone came together as a team. Unfortunately, the captains will be graduating in June and the team will be without their outstanding leadership next season. Nevertheless, the team is excited about the upcoming talent and all the wins that next season may bring.

Name: Timothy Olson
"Consistent"
Class of 2009

Timothy Olson is one of the AHS Ski Team's biggest threats. He is a great competitor and a strong leader of his team. Being a senior captain, Timothy is constantly trying to help out his team and pass on his knowledge about the sport.

Timothy started skiing when he was in fifth grade. When he entered high school, he didn't really take an interest in racing; until one of the skiing coaches asked him to give it a try. Since then, Timothy has put his heart and soul into racing. He is considered the top male racer at AHS. He really enjoys being on the slope. "Our team's chemistry is great. We're all like a family," he says. Even when he's not with his team, he does whatever he can to get on the slopes to practice.

Unfortunately, Timothy will be graduating and will not be a part of the team next season. He wishes the team good luck and has high expectations that they will finish in the top five in their division. It is unclear whether Timothy will keep racing after high school, but he definitely plans to continue skiing for as long as he can.

"Next season, I see both the boys and the girls teams making it to the league championship; without a doubt."
-Nicholas Giusto '10

"My favorite memory of the season was listening to Coach Mike's ridiculously good speeches."
-Alex Jones '10

"Our team's strongest asset is our unity. We aren't just a group of high school kids participating in a sport, we are a family. We respect each other on and off the slopes."
-Andrew DeChristopher '09

Varsity

01/08/09	Berkshire East	128.07	3rd
01/13/09	Berkshire East	171.60	3rd
01/15/09	Berkshire East	123.20	5th
01/22/09	Berkshire East	182.35	5th
01/27/09	Berkshire East	113.49	6th
01/29/09	Berkshire East	169.93	4th
02/05/09	Berkshire East	**117.46**	5th
02/10/09	PVIAC Individuals	T. Olson	8th

Top Left: Mari Leclerc skis around a blue gate.
Top Right: Gina Iannuzzi gains speed while avoiding the poles.
Bottom Left: Celina Marasi races down the mountain.
Bottom Right: Emily Brown maintains a brisk pace.

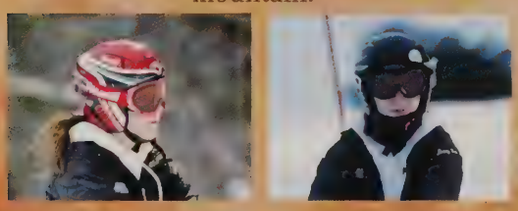
Standing: Timothy Olson, Nicholas Giusto, Alexander Jones, Coach Michael DeChristopher, Alexander King, Jesse Armfield, Andrew DeChristopher
Kneeling: Celina Marasi, Gina Iannuzzi, Mary Kate Cavallo, Elizabeth Gloster, Stephanie Scherpa, Hannah Hellstein, Kimberly Hitchcock, Mari Leclerc, Emily Brown
Missing: Ashley Breault, Maryssa Gonet

Captain Stephanie Scherpa standing with Coach Michael DeChristopher

Elizabeth Gloster vigorously races to the bottom of the hill.

Hannah Hellstein dodges a blue gate at Berkshire East on a beautiful February afternoon.

Left: Kimberly Hitchcock is focused on successfully finishing her race.
Right: Mary Kate Cavallo descends the mountain.



GIRLS SKIING

The AHS Girls Varsity Ski Team had an outstanding season this year. Unfortunately, the team's coach of many years, Coach Graveline, retired at the end of last season. The new head coach, Mike DeChristopher, however, did a fine job. All the girls worked very hard throughout the season and it really paid off in the long run. They finished the season with an average score of 175.98 and a top score of 118.37. The team bonded well during there practices at Blandford Ski Area, where the girls' favorite thing to do besides skiing was setting the gates. Junior captain, Stephanie Scherpa, did a great job in leading the team this season. Everyone on the team would agree that she was definitely the right person for the job, as she provided constant encouragement to all her teammates. The team won't be losing anyone to graduation this year. The entire team is very excited for what next season may bring.

Name: Kimberly Hitchcock
"Competitive"
Class of 2010

Kimberly Hitchcock began skiing when she was three years old. She always enjoyed the sport as a kid, but never really thought about the competitive aspect of it. It was not until her sophomore year that she started racing.

Now, Kimberly is one of the ski team's top racers. She is a great role model and she really takes pride in being a part of the AHS team. She is quick to help out a teammate in need and is constantly trying to improve her own performance. "I love all the fun moments with my team; and also becoming a better skier," Kimberly says. Aside from skiing, Kimberly plays field hockey for the high school. In addition, she is a member of Student Government, Ski Club, Key Club, and Chiefs.

After high school, Kimberly isn't sure which college she would like to attend, nor is she sure if she would like to continue with competitive racing. Whether she decides to continue racing or not, Kimberly is certain that she will continue to ski for the rest of her life.

"My favorite moment with the team was when Hannah fell down when she was trying to stop."
-Mary Kate Cavallo '11

"I love skiing because of the rush I get going down the mountain during races."
-Mari Leclerc '11

"Hopefully, next year we will have one of our strongest seasons. Most of our girls will still be with us."
-Hannah Hellstein '11

Varsity

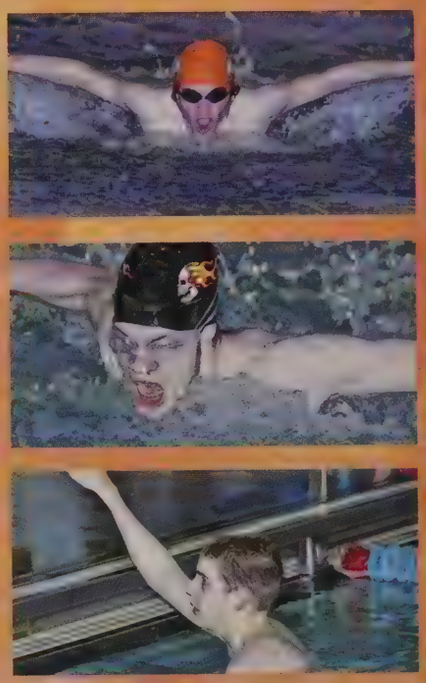
01/08/09	Berkshire East	235.94	2nd
01/13/09	Berkshire East	139.16	3rd
01/15/09	Berkshire East	204.48	2nd
01/22/09	Berkshire East	131.80	3rd
01/27/09	Berkshire East	204.03	3rd
01/29/09	Berkshire East	128.12	3rd
02/05/09	Berkshire East	118.37	2nd
02/10/09	PVIAC		
	Individuals	S. Scherpa	7th

Top Left: Mario Bonavita breathes as he races the 100 breast.
Top Right: Anthony Vatousiou swims his last 50 yards to take first in the 100 free.
Bottom Left: Aaron Cushing pushes himself to qualify for Western Mass. during the 100 breast.
Bottom Right: Zachary Benoit cheers on his fellow members of the team at the last meet against Ludlow.

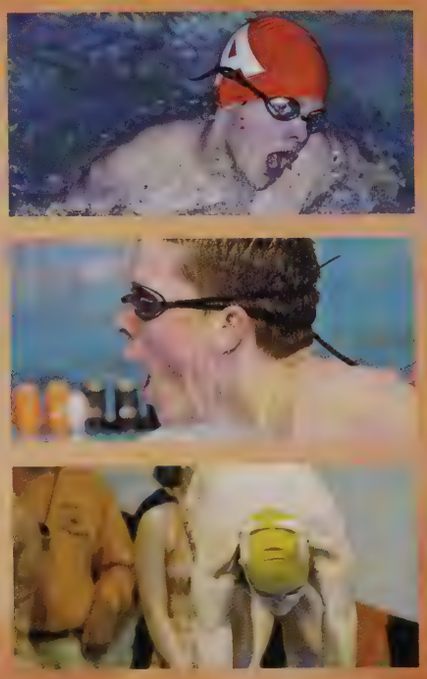
Standing: Joseph Zello, Anthony Vatousiou, Aaron Cushing, Cpt. Zachary Benoit, Brendan Baker, Leonard Bruso, Sean Meade, Coach Christophe Huestis
Kneeling: Benjamin Miller, Mario Bonavita, Dalton Boglisch, Zachary Niziolek, Roger Bruso

Sean Meade swims the 100 yard free style at a meet against Chicopee Comp.

Captain Zachary Benoit standing with Coach Christophe Huestis



Left: Roger Bruso swims the butterfly stroke in the 200 IM race.
Right: Joseph Zello cheers on the boys team during a close race in hope of a first place finish.



Aaron Cushing prepares to perform a back dive off the diving board in hope of taking first place for boys in diving.

BOYS SWIMMING

The boys swimming and diving team had a great season this winter finishing with a 10-4 record. Twice, the boys went on a five meet winning streak, putting opponents like Easthampton, Chicopee, and Ludlow to shame. With a successful season under their belts the team sent many swimmers to both Western Mass. and the state tournament. Some of the top swimmers to reach the post-season were Captain Zachary Benoit, Dalton Boglisch, Brendan Baker, Zachary Niziolek and Benjamin Miller. For diving, Aaron Cushing showed his skills and qualified to compete in Western Mass. at Springfield College. When it came to States the 400 and 200 relay teams had a great showing. During Western Mass. the 400 relay team broke the AHS record and then broke it once again at States. The boys team left both competitions with commendable rankings and next year's captains, Dalton Boglisch and Aaron Cushing, are expecting a great season.

Dalton Boglisch
"Self-Motivated"
Class of 2010

Dalton Boglisch joined the varsity swim team during his freshman year. He had never swam competitively before high school and it was more than the rush of competition that motivated him to join the team.

During his 8th grade swim class, Dalton lost a bet to his friend Elizabeth Gloster and stuck to his word by joining the swim team the following winter. He never even dreamed that he would advance so quickly in the sport.

"When I first joined, I never thought that I would love the sport this much. Everything about it is great," stated Boglisch.

This must have been the best bet he ever lost, as he qualified for the Western Massachusetts Tournament and competed at UMass his freshman year.

As a sophomore, Dalton was determined to qualify once again and this time he swam his best at Harvard University. His next personal goal is to qualify for States in the 50 freestyle event. He is positive that with some hard work he will make it.

When he isn't racing opponents in the swimming pool, Dalton is giving back to the community. He is a member of the Leo Club and coaches and swims for the Agawam Piranhas. Continuing his swimming career is at the top of Dalton's list as he wishes to compete for the UMass Boston men's swim team.

"The team's strongest aspect was that the number of returning swimmers really helped [to get] the newcomers into shape."
- Zachary Benoit '09

"The pasta parties are fun. We eat, relax, and are allowed to be ourselves and have fun. Thank you parents for having these parties."
-Mario Bonavita '10

"[My favorite memory of the season was] when the diving board and lane lines broke."
- Joseph Zello '10

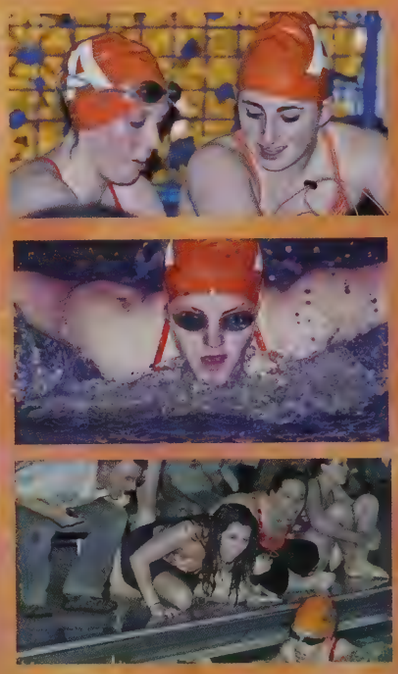
Varsity

12/12/08	Chicopee Comp	83-102	L
12/16/08	South Hadley	78-96	L
12/22/08	Cathedral	115-46	W
12/23/08	Sci-Tech	127-31	W
12/30/08	Easthampton	107-50	W
01/06/09	Chicopee	108-41	W
01/09/09	Ludlow	109-63	W
01/13/09	Chicopee Comp	**87-98**	L
01/16/09	South Hadley	**38-56**	L
01/20/09	Cathedral	104-49	W
01/23/09	Sci-Tech	117-42	**W**
01/27/09	Easthampton	95-42	W
01/30/09	Chicopee	98-71	**W**
02/03/09	Ludlow	**98-68**	**W**
02/14/09	WMass	**13th place**	

Top Left: Gabrielle Calvanese swims a best time in the 100 yard freestyle.
Top Right: Jamie Colburn did her best during the 500 yard freestyle.
Bottom Left: Anna Lovotti swims 50 yards of butterfly during the girls 200 yard IM.
Bottom Right: Captain Taryn Dooley rejoices as she comes in first.

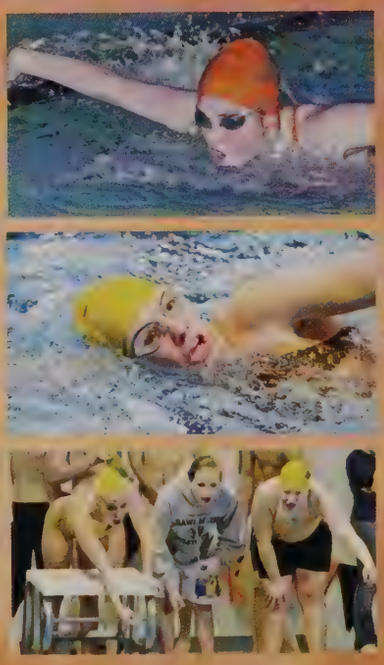
Standing: Taryn Frazee, Beth Haggerty, Holly Walsh, Lauren Weiner, Gabrielle Calvanese, Jamie Colburn, Cpt. Taryn Dooley, Alyssa Styckiewicz, Jacquelyn Gabriel, Brittney Twohig, Kristine Gabriel, Daniella Grimaldi, Nicole Bouley, Alyssa Abraham, Sarah Torrey, Coach Christophe Huestis
Kneeling: Bria Dooley, Cassidy Cunningham, Valerie Lemieux, Kaitlynn McLaughlin, Alicia Hulse, Emily Walters, Stephanie Zello, Samantha Hibbert, Mariesa Negosanti, Anna Lovotti

Coach Christophe Huestis standing with Captain Taryn Dooley



Jamie Colburn gets high scores with good form when diving a forward dive during a home meet to take second place.

Left: Lauren Weiner is upside down when she performs a difficult dive.
Right: Holly Walsh breathes when she is taking first place for the 500 yard freestyle.



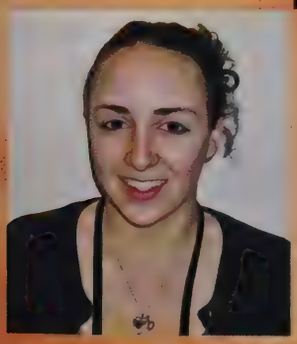
Cassidy Cunningham swims a 50 yard backstroke to start off the 200 yard medley relay.

GIRLS SWIMMING

The girls varsity swimming and diving team had an outstanding year, finishing with a 10-4 record. The team came up against many solid rivals this season but out swam most of them with ease. Even though the AHS swimmers were very successful they regard their one loss to South Hadley as their best meet. The girls fought their opponent to the bitter end where they just missed out on a victory, 92-91. Agawam has been the only team that has ever come so close to beating South Hadley. The girls have always been known for their focus to reach goals and their good sportsmanship. These two factors (along with a lot of hard work) brought many team members into the post-season. Swimmers Samantha Hibbert, Anna Lovotti, Sarah Torrey, Kaitlynn McLaughlin, and Captain Taryn Dooley qualified for the Western Mass. Tournament. Divers Jamie Colburn, Brittany Twohig, and Lauren Weiner were eligible for Western Mass. as well. Jamie Colburn was ranked 5th and Lauren Weiner placed 1st and later went on to States. When it came to the State Tournament for the swimmers, Taryn Dooley, Anna Lovotti, Sarah Torrey, Mariesa Negosanti, and Kaitlynn McLaughlin had amazing competitions. Next year, many records are expected to be broken by these Agawam Brownies.

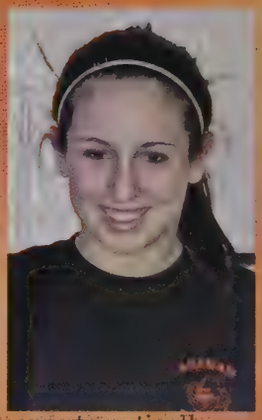
"We all have immense spirit and determination. Plus, with an amazing coaching staff behind us, we really could not go wrong."
- Anna Lovotti '12

"I love swimming because it's independent, but also about the team. Finishing a hard set and beating my times makes me feel accomplished.
- Mariesa Negosanti '11



"My favorite memory was making the Western Mass. score at the very first diving meet. In fact, all of the Agawam divers [went to] Western Mass. and I'm very proud of our accomplishment."
- Jamie Colburn '09

Sarah Torrey
"Speedy"
Sprint Free
Class of 2010



Sarah Torrey has swam competitively ever since she was a young girl. Before high school, she was an active member in the in-town youth swimming league, the Agawam Piranhas.

By the time she became a Brownie, her skills as a swimmer automatically brought her to the varsity level.

To her teammates, Sarah is known for always being upbeat and having a bubbly personality. She is the team member that gets along with everyone. But it is not just on the team that Sarah is regarded as helpful and a team player. Even after graduating to the high school level, Sarah has not forgotten her roots. She is now an assistant coach for the hometown Piranhas.

"I love how much swimming pushes me to be better in and out of the water," stated Sarah when asked why she loved her sport so much. But before she can compete in her top sport she has to listen to music and sing along with the rest of the team on away game bus rides. Her favorite moment during her high school swimming career is achieving 59 seconds in the 100 yard freestyle event.

That may be her favorite moment, but Sarah has achieved even more in the 2008-2009 season. She was selected to compete in the Western Mass. Tournament and then went on to States for relays. For her senior season, Sarah knows that the swimming and diving team's strongest asset will be their ambition and sees them having an undefeated season.

Varsity

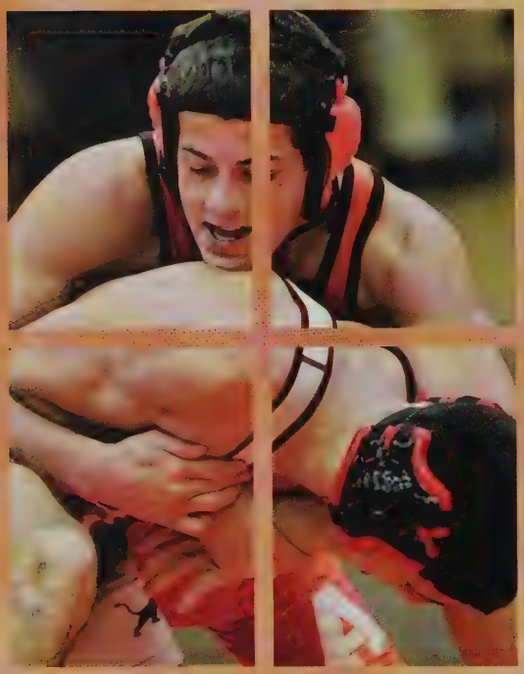
12/12/08	Chicopee Comp	110-75	W
12/16/08	South Hadley	91-92	L
12/22/08	Cathedral	124-51	W
12/23/08	Sci-Tech	149-21	W
12/30/08	Easthampton	90-95	L
01/06/09	Chicopee	137-41	W
01/09/09	Ludlow	**103-77**	W
01/13/09	Chicopee Comp	109-76	W
01/16/09	South Hadley	35-57	L
01/20/09	Cathedral	122-58	W
01/23/09	Sci-Tech	138-17	W
01/27/09	Easthampton	**78-98**	**L**
01/30/09	Chicopee	**126-55**	**W**
02/03/09	Ludlow	90-80	**W**
02/14/09	**WMass**	11th place	

Top Left: Brandon Chase prepares to break out of being pinned.
Top Right: Kristopher Carrington has his opponent in a head lock.
Bottom Left: Joseph Blais struggles with a Ludlow wrestler.
Bottom Right: Jacob Ferreira is about to take down his opponent.

Standing: Coach Richard Birk, Zachary Dawson, Ryan Liebel, William Gabel, Brandon Chase, James Ivanov, Nicholas Ferreira, Kristopher Carrington, Cpt. Jacob Ferreira, Nicholas Martino, Nikos Kalaitzidis, Thomas Loughman, Coach Gary Geiger
Kneeling: Joshua Heinbokel, Thaddeus Dobek, Michael Vilkhovoy, Zachary Plamondon, Mark Simons **Missing:** Richard Bazukin, Joseph Blais, James Cunningham, Patrick Hope, Alex Korotich, Vladislav Verloka

Coach Gary Geiger standing with Captain Jacob Ferreira

Kristopher Carrington is ready for a take down.



James Ivanov goes in for a tie up against his opponent from Ludlow.

Left: Nicholas Ferreira greets his opponent before the match begins.
Right: Ryan Liebel wins his match.

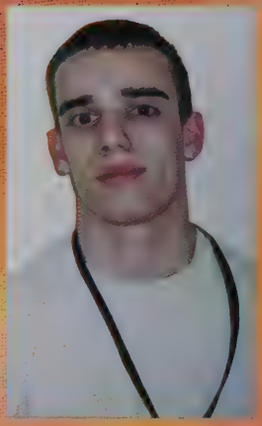
WRESTLING

The 2008-2009 wrestling season was certainly not a disappointment. The boys had a 15-8-1 season and competed in six tournaments. The team was lead by co-captains Jacob Ferreira and Zachary Dawson. At first, the season started with getting the guys in shape with long, strenuous practices. They had their first win against Pathfinder Regional High School with a score of 42-18. On December 30th, the boys hosted their annual Phil Tomkiel Tournament and many wrestlers made it into the finals. After the tournament the boys went on a winning streak against schools such as Putnam, Northbridge, Somerset, and Westfield. As the season went on, they entered tournaments in Longmeadow, West Springfield, and Rhode Island. When it came time for Western Mass., Joseph Blais came out on top. He won the 215 weight class with ease. Zachary Dawson also made it into the finals and came in second in his weight class. Overall, the boys' season was a success and all returnees are looking forward to next year.

"The bond between wrestlers is tighter than any other connection made. Also, at the end of those six minutes, when the ref raises his hand, you realize that it's all worth it."
-Nikos Kalaitzidis '09

"Our strongest asset is probably that we are in better condition than most of the teams in Western Mass."
-Joshua Heinbokel '11

"[My favorite memory was] when we had a meet in Cathedral and half way there we realized we left Lottie at the high school and had to go back to get him."
-Kristopher Carrington '10



Name: Brandon Chase
"Determined"
Weight Class: 112
Class of 2009

Brandon did not start wrestling until his sophomore year at Agawam High School. He was trying to find a way to stay in shape for the baseball season, but instead found a love for wrestling and gained great strength.

Brandon says, "I enjoy knowing that I can be a part of a sport that most guys my age do not even try to attempt." His most defining moment was when he had his first varsity victory in overtime last season. His favorite aspect of this year's team is its chemistry. Brandon says, "In the three years that I have been a part of this team, our chemistry has never been this strong."

The goal Brandon has had since the start of the season is to place in the Western Mass. Tournament and continue on to the States. To get ready to wrestle, he plugs his iPod into his stereo and blast the music throughout his house, and sometimes even sings. Brandon is also the Associate Editor of the Mirror and a Key Club member. He plans to attend Lasell College, but they do not have a wrestling team. Fortunately, Lasell plans to start one soon and Brandon hopes to wrestle there.

Varsity

12/13/08	King Philip	5th place	
12/17/08	West Springfield	18-55	L
12/20/08	Pathfinder	42-18	W
12/20/08	Greenfield	57-21	W
12/20/08	St. John's	12-54	L
12/23/08	Westfield	61-18	W
12/30/08	Somerset	39-33	W
12/30/08	Putnam	41-36	W
12/30/08	Northbridge	72-12	W
01/03/09	Southwick	43-27	W
01/10/09	Framingham	9-54	L
01/10/09	Granby	37-18	W
01/10/09	Windham	39-21	W
01/14/09	Central	21-47	L
01/21/09	Ludlow	30-38	L
01/24/09	Plymouth South	**20-52**	L
01/24/09	Enfield	42-26	W
01/24/09	Bridgewater	26-49	L
01/29/09	Minnechaug	36-36	T
01/31/09	Farmington	**42-32**	W
01/31/09	Longmeadow	**30-43**	L
01/31/09	Amherst	43-12	W
02/04/09	Cathedral	47-25	W

SENIOR SALUTES AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT

The Class of 2009 could not have gotten to where they are today without their family, friends, and community. It's the support from them and their teachers that pushed them through high school and onto bigger and better things, like college and careers that they will truly enjoy. Growing up in a community full of supporting businesses and groups exposed these students to cooperation and familiarity. Striving to be the best they can is only a result from the love and help from their parents, siblings, aunts, uncles and grandparents. The companionship between these people and the students who trekked to school alongside them everyday to face the homework and tests- their friends- drove these seniors from the first day of freshman year to receiving that diploma in June. Their parents are not just the reason they're alive; they're the reason they are alive, succeeding, and moving forward, one defining moment at a time.

ASHLEY BREAULT AND KAITLIN BALL

Ashley and Kaitlin,
Live our family mantra ~ Be GREAT.

Love, Auntie Dale

Great minds discuss ideas;
Average minds discuss events;
Dull minds discuss people.

Eleanor Roosevelt
(1884 - 1962)

To our dear son Ilya,

We bless your life and trust that God's hands will guide you, keeping you safe. We wish you all the success you pursue in life as well as luck and good will through your future.

Your Family

Gabe,

From your curly head to the tip of your toes, you are loved! The past has been a blast, but the best is yet to come!

So proud,
Mom, Dad, Colin
and Scout Too!

Russ,

Congratulations! We are very proud of the young man you have become. Continue to pursue your dreams, and success will follow.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Lindsay, and Christina

Our princess!

Life is what you make it.
Make your dreams come true.
We believe in you and are so proud of your accomplishments.

Dad, Mom, Joe,
Anthony, and Matt

Kristin,

We are so proud of you! Follow your dreams and study for the future. Enjoy college.

We love you,
Mom, Dad, and Joe

Becca,

You've grown into a beautiful young lady. You have such artistic talent. Believe in yourself and all your dreams will come true. We are proud of you and love you very much.

Mom and Dad,
Nathan and Jeremy

We are so proud of the beautiful young lady you have become. Your future holds endless possibilities, for you can achieve anything you set your mind to.

We love you!
Mom, Dad, and Steve

Britt,

You have brought us so much joy and happiness with your humor and constant surprises. We are very proud of your strength of character.

Love,
Gram and Grampa

GARRETT ASSELIN

Congratulations Garrett!

We are so proud of you. You have made so many wonderful memories throughout your high school years. We hope you have the same great experience in college.

We love you,
Mom, Dad, Abigail, Weston, and Carson

NICOLE PROULX

Nicole,

Words cannot describe the joy and pride we feel for you. Follow your dreams, follow your heart, and be strong for life's amazing journey ahead of you. Remember, we'll always be there for you.

Love,
Bug, Tato, and Bemz

ANGELO DEPALMA

Since day one, you have kept all of us on our toes. I had to "strap myself in" for this ride with you. Take your energy and fun-loving personality and turn it into something positive in your life!

Love,
Mom, Anthony, Joe,
Julie and Anthony

MASON CONLON

Mason,

Nothing means more to us than the memories of the little boy you were... except for the thought of the unique and wonderful young man you have become. Reach for the stars and never settle for less. We have always been, and will always be very proud of you.

Love you forever,
Mom and Dad

MATTHEW KNOWLTON

As you graduate from high school, be proud of all you have accomplished in your years at school. The good times and the hard times are what helped make you the person you are today - strong, confident, and determined. Remember, you can accomplish whatever you set your mind to. Work hard in college and stay true to your dreams.

Love,

Mom and Celena

ZACHARY BENOIT

I don't know how we got here already! It has been our pleasure to watch you change and grow every day. We are so proud of all you do, and all you've become. You are awesome! May you have success and hapiness in all you do.

We love you.
Mom and Dad

NICK AND JAKE FERREIRA

Nick and Jake,

From the moment you were born, you both have been the greatest joy of our lives. We are so proud of the wonderful young men you have grown into. We know you will be successful in whatever you choose to do with your futures.

Follow your dreams and your hearts and never lose your happy, carefree ways.

Much love,
Mom and Dad

MICHAEL IACOLINO

Michael,

We are so very proud of all you have achieved.

Love,
Mom and Dad

ADAM LINDELAND

Adam,

The years have gone by too quickly. We're proud of all you have accomplished and who you have become. We wish you happiness and success as you begin the next chapter. Congratulations!

We love you.
Mom, Dad, and Ashley

MATTHEW GRAHAM

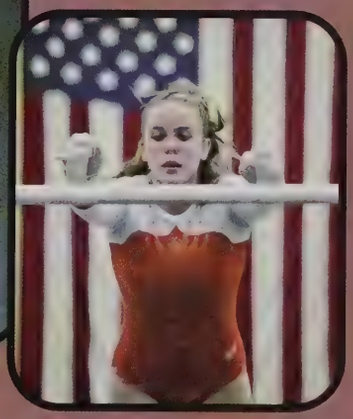
Always be your best
Live life to the fullest
Lead don't follow
Success is YOU
Talent and teamwork
All of us will love and miss you
Remember these times

Matt,

When you were born, God gave you something extra. Good luck in college and in life. We love you!

Dad, Cheryl, Grammy, Chris, Tara, and Ryan

BRITTANY IRENE LAFLAMME



Brittany,

You and Anthony Stork made such a cute couple! Time has flown by and now you are a beautiful young woman. We love you and are very proud of you. Congratulations.

Love,
Mom, Stevie, Grammy, Poppy, and Great-Grandma

CHRISTOPHER M. DRANE II

Chris,
I will never forget when you came home from first grade and said, "If I knew school was going to be this long, I would have never signed up for it." And look at you now, graduating from high school and entering college. (I wish you were two again.) You always were an easy child, so it doesn't surprise me that you have grown into a young man, who is sensitive, good-hearted, and level-headed. It goes without saying how very proud I am of you.
Love,
Mom

Chris,
It seems like yesterday when we called you "Little Chris" and we went to Boston to see your first Red Sox game! We are very proud of you and wish you all the best things in life. Great job and congratulations!
Love,
Aunt Marianne, Uncle Billy, and Cousin Chris

Dear Chris,
Seventeen years have gone by. How is that possible? I still remember you as a four year old asking your Mom if you could go to Auntie Wisa's beach. Thank you for the laughter, smiles, love, and pride that I have felt over the years! Wherever you go in life, if you ever need a friend, a few dollars, a place to do laundry, a good meal, or a shoulder to lean on, you can always depend on Auntie Wisa!
Love,
Auntie Lisa

To my great nephew,
You are too special!
Love,
Aunt Kathy

BRIANNE BRINKMANN

Brianne,

You will always be our baby no matter how old you get. You are as "CUTE" today as the day you were born with your big, beautiful, brown eyes. Since age three, you've loved guitars; no wonder you are so good at Guitar Hero!

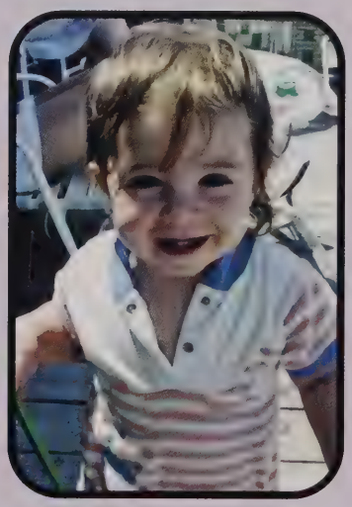
Our little "Peanut" has become a brilliant, creative, individualistic, young woman. You have already accomplished so much and we are very proud of you. We know that you will be successful because you always reach for the stars and never quit. Always follow your dreams and you will go far.

We'll love you forever.
Mom and Dad

Dar,

My little girl is all grown up! Congratulations, you survived good old AHS! Thanks for always being there for me. You are not only my sister, but you are also my best friend. I love you so much! Remember, I will always be here for you no matter what!

All my love,
Ashley



REGINA SIBILIA

Regina,

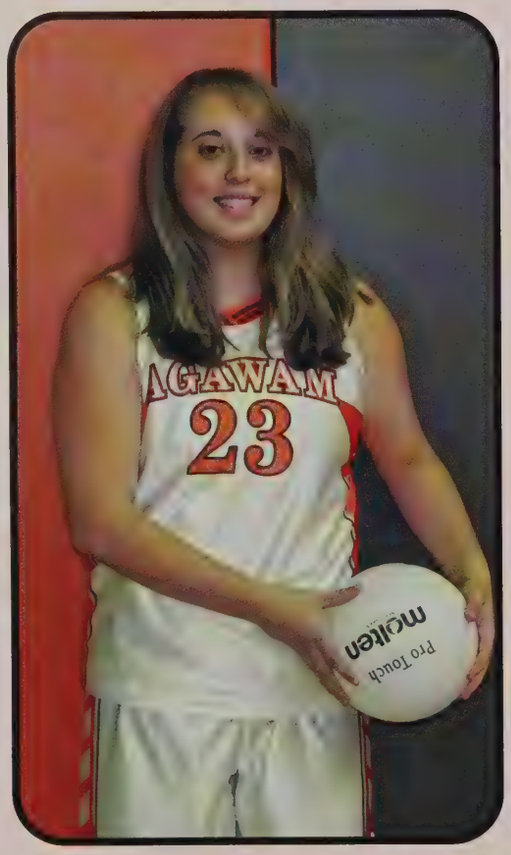
We have been truly blessed from the moment you arrived. We can't believe how quickly the years have passed. There are so many wonderful memories we have of your childhood and will always cherish the time we spent watching you grow.

You have become a beautiful, confident, intelligent, and thoughtful young woman. Words cannot describe the pride and joy we have for you and all that you have accomplished.

As you start the next chapter of your life, remember that we are always here for you; supporting whatever you do. Set your sights and goals high and go for what you want in life. We know you will accomplish whatever you set out to do.

Keep believing in yourself as we do and know that we couldn't have asked for a better daughter. We love you and hope all your dreams come true!

All our love,
Mom & Dad



DANIELLA MARIA GRIMALDI

Daniella,

I know that the last four years have been difficult for you. You persevered, and managed to get through it. We can think of all the things that have happened, and yet none of us gave up on you. We are unsure of what the future holds; but all we can hope for is that whatever you choose to do and wherever you go in life, you do the best that you can. Know that we love you, and even though we sometimes argue and don't see eye-to-eye, that we care about you, love you, and push you so that you can succeed.

In a few months, you'll either go on to college or out in the world to work. No matter what you decide, know that we'll be there for you. Good luck and we love you. You're a tough person, so we know you'll always come out ahead.

Love,
Ma, Dad, Emilia, and Mikey

KAMILA MISIAK

Kamila,

Where have the years gone by? From the moment you were born, you have brought us so much happiness. Too quickly you have grown up from a little princess to a beautiful young woman. There aren't enough words to express how proud we are of you and how fortunate we are to have you as our daughter! Your strong will and determination has led you to success. Believe in yourself and follow your dreams! You're a wonderful daughter and the best sister. Congratulations! May God bless you in the future.

We love you,
Mama, Tata, and Adrian

JENNIFER HENSEL

Jennifer,

Where do we begin? The day you were born, God blessed us with an exceptional daughter! You have a passion for life. You are vibrant, wise, and virtuous. You have far exceeded our expectations. We couldn't be prouder! Continue to make wise life choices and always know we love you and are here for you. Today, celebrate the moment, the memories, the accomplishments; but also take time to celebrate the special person you are. Look to the future and believe in yourself. Follow your dreams and your dreams will come true. The best is yet to come.

Love always,
Dad, Mom, Colin and Atticus

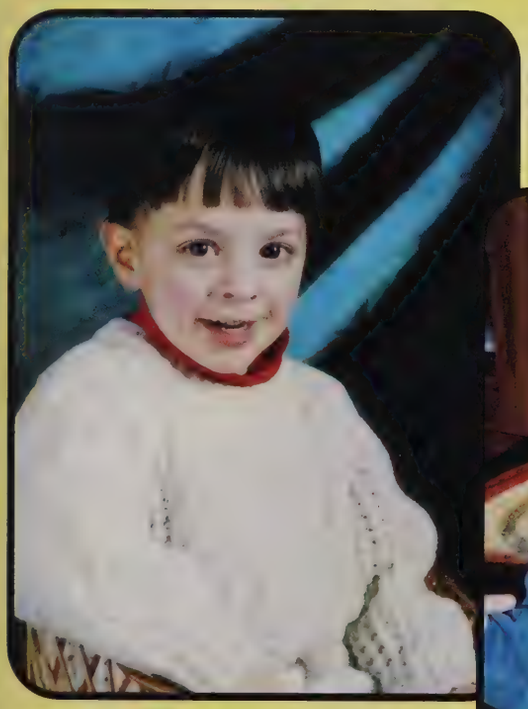
PAUL BASILE

Paul,

We are so proud of you! You are the only one who can make your dreams come true. Your future is out there. Go get it!

We love you!

Mom, Dad, Devin, Christopher, Grandma, Joey, Alyssa, and Susanne



"If you can dream it,
you can do it."
- Walt Disney

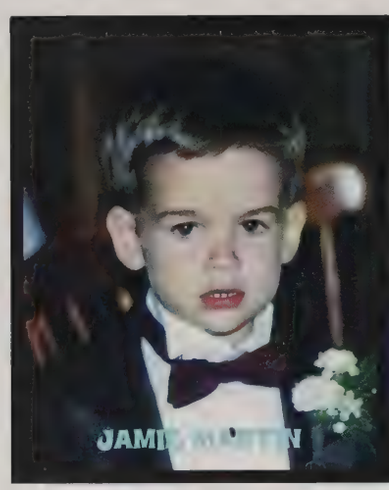
Congratulations.
We love you.

Mom, Dad, Kristine, and Emily

Jen,

You made it. We are so proud of you. Just goes to show, you can succeed in whatever you put your mind to.

Love,
Mom and Dad

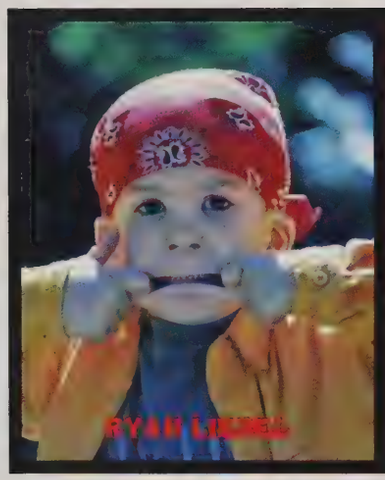


Take your time. Enjoy life, but don't live too fast. Good luck in college! We love you and are so proud of the man you have become.

Mom, Dad, and Katy

Your baby years went by in the blink of an eye. You made me proud. Follow your dream. My love and support for whatever you do are unconditional.

Love,
Mom



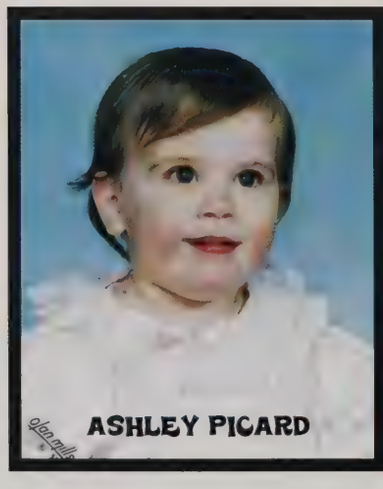
If you can imagine it,
you can achieve it.
If you can dream it,
you can become it.
We are so proud of you
and love you.

Mom and Dad

Ali,

Congratulations! We are so proud of you! Remember to always follow your dreams and reach for the stars.

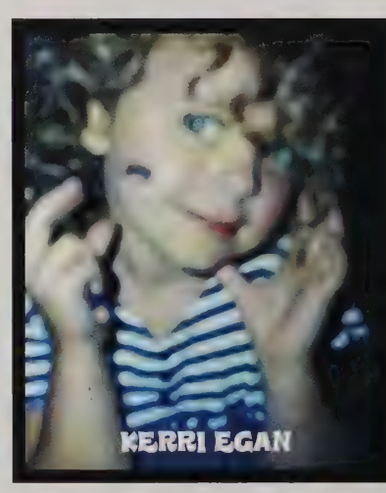
Love,
Mom, Dad, and Jes



Ashley,

Look where you've been.
Look where you are.
Where can you go now?
The future is yours!
You can go anywhere!

Love,
Mom and the Housekeeper



Our blue-eyed KiKi girl. You will always be our rainbow, like the rainbow on your cheek. We love you and are so proud of you.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Billy

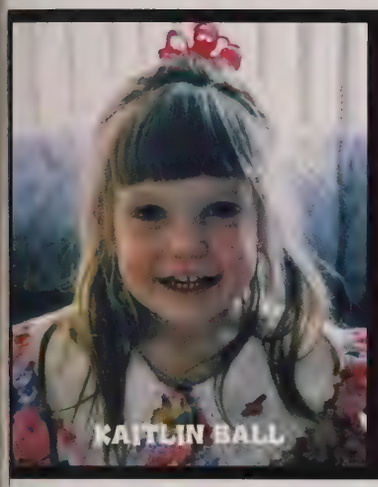
Look at you! Wow, did your school years fly by. We are so proud of you. Follow your dreams and be happy. We love you.

Mom, Dad, Christy, Kelsey,
Daven, and Keisha

Kevin,

We are so proud of you. Your future holds unlimited possibilities. Stay focused and all your dreams will come true. Reach for the stars.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Erin, and Steve



Kaitlin,

You have brought so much happiness into our lives. We are very proud of you! You are so beautiful, sweet, and loving. We love you!

Love,
Mom and Dad

Bryan,

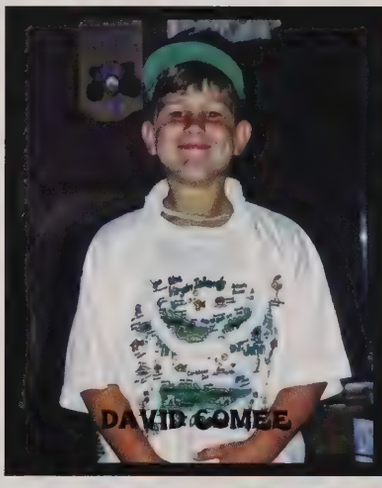
With our love, always believe in yourself, follow your heart, and strive to be the best you can be. We wish you much love, happiness and success in your future.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Jenny

Shauna,

Where did our little girl go? Eighteen years have gone in the blink of an eye.

Love you always,
Mom, Dad,
Isabel, Timmy, and Anthony



Successful you are and will continue to be. Congratulations, Dave. We are all very proud of you.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Chet, Krista,
Karen, Sam, and Dan

Now when you stare at me it's because you think I am crazy. You've become such a beautiful, intelligent young woman. I'm so proud of you!

Love always,
your sister Niki

Megsy,

Not much has changed, you're still cute and shy! I wish for you happiness in life, love, and all you do. You've made me proud!

Love,
Mom

SARAH GALLAGHER

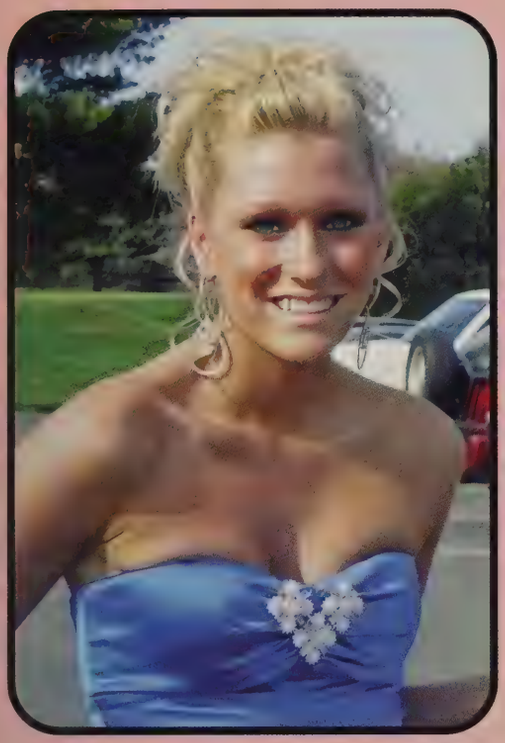
We wish you much happiness and success in the future. Remember we will always be here for you. There are so many memories and many more to come.
Love, Mom and Dad
To a sweet little sister,
Each day you amaze me with all your accomplishments. I am so proud of you and the person you've become. I'll always be by your side!
Love, Tina

Congratulations Sarah! You made it. Good luck. I'll always be here for you.
Love you,
Rose
Sarah, I can't believe you're graduating! Good luck in the future. Remember, if you need anything I'll always be here.
Vinny

MICHAEL AUBREY

We wish the best for you and for all your dreams to come true. We only want you to enjoy life and meet its challenges head on. You have always been a very determined child and it has continued on as a young man. Keep it up and you will achieve all you goals. We love you very much and are very proud of you.
Mom and John
Michael,
Wow! You're all grown up. We've had some crazy times and we'll have more to come. We wish you well with all your endeavors. Good luck.
Love,
Justina and Anthony

MEGHAN MCGUIRE



We're all very proud of you! We couldn't have asked for a better daughter! The world is yours for the taking. Follow your dreams.

Love,
Mom, Dad,
Kyle, and Ryan

Good luck Meggy Moo Moo.

Love you,
Breezy

KAITLYN WEYANT

Kaitlyn,

"On the day you were born the angels got together and decided to create a dream come true, so they sprinkled stardust in your hair and golden skylight in your eyes so blue." - Carpenters

Love,
your Mom

You were a beautiful baby, an awesome girl, and now an amazing young woman. Remember to always stick to your convictions, stay strong and confident, and know how extremely proud we are of you.

Love,
Mom and Dad

We will miss you when you go to college.

Love,
Nick and Joey

PHILIP J. VECCHIARELLI

PJ,
The day you were born, our lives were changed for the better. You have brought so many proud moments, laughs, love, and life into our world. We will always be behind you, supporting your every dream. Endless opportunities are open to you. Your hard work and sense of purpose have defined the person you are. Nothing's ever going to bring you down! We love you and are so proud of you!
Mom, Dad, and Nick

PJ,
We wish you a future filled with dreams, faith, hope, and love.
You'll always be the sunshine of our lives.
Forever,
Gina and Tom

KAITLYN SHERRY

Kaitertot,
It seems like yesterday you were so sweet, tiny, and cute. You are the baby of our family; our own precious girl. We have watched you grow into a lovely young woman with a wonderful sense of self and family; who is smart, funny, beautiful, and so special to us. Now it is time to spread your wings and start your own life adventure. As you embark on your life journey, we hope that you find nothing but happiness and success. We love you and are so proud of you.
Love,
Mom and Dad

JILLIAN VAN NESS

Our dear sweet Jillian,

Through the years, you have given us much happiness, and we are very proud of you for so many things. You have grown into a beautiful young lady and we love you.

Mom, Dad, and Shavone

ANDREW MATTARAZZO

Andrew,
We're so proud of you and all you have accomplished. Now, you have some of your own "good old days" to talk about.
Love, Mom and Dad

Ange,
Thanks for always being there.
Congratulations, you did it!
Love, Liz

DENISE PAGÉ GATES

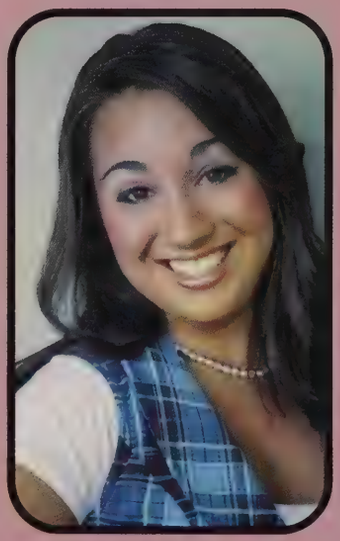
Denise,

You have an impeccable smile! Your determination and good work ethics are key ingredients you have that will lead you to a successful life with great opportunities.

Féliciation! Denise Pagé

Love,
Dad, Mom, and Scott

NICHOLE PELLETIER



Dear Nichole,

What a great job done! Make all your dreams come true. We love you always.

Mom and Dad

I can't believe you're a senior! Thanks for always being there. I love you.

Carley

LINDSAY CAROLEO

Congratulations Lindsay.
You did it!

Can't believe how fast the last twelve years went by. You are a fun-loving daughter and we are very proud of you. Good luck with your future and may all your dreams come true.

Love ya,
Mom, Dad, Kelsey, and Caleigh

ANTHONY SETTEMBRE

Anthony,

It seems like yesterday, but eighteen years have gone by. You have big dreams ahead of you. We know if you put your mind to it, you can accomplish anything.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Alfredo, and Nika

KENDRA ALBANO

You are our last daughter heading into the unknown. Go where life takes you. Dream big, reach far, shine bright, and life will reward you. Remember, we will always be there for you as you find your way to success and happiness. We are so proud of who you've become.

We love you so very much,
Mom and Dad

C. RYAN PEUCKER

Ryan,

How quickly time has passed. You have grown from a little boy to such a fine young man. We are very proud of you. Set your sights high and always be true to yourself.

We love you.
Mom and Dad

Ryan,

I love you. I will miss you.

XOXO, Taylor

JEFFREY LAZAZZERA

Jeff,

It seems like yesterday we were watching you play mini-golf. We are so very proud of you as a student, brother, and the young man you have become. Continue to follow your dreams, be true to yourself, and know you can and will achieve whatever you set your mind to. We love you!

Mom, Dad, and Christopher

CHELSEA BLANCHARD

Chelsea,

You continue to amaze us with your achievements in and out of the classroom. College is just the beginning of a lifetime of success. Never stop dreaming and always believe in yourself. We are very proud and love you.

Mom, Dad, Ashley, and Mike

CORI GEIGER

Cor,

You have grown into a wonderful, beautiful, and confident young woman. We are so proud of all that you have accomplished, but know that there is so much more ahead of you. Don't settle for anything less than your dreams. We love you.

Mom, Dad, Dan, and Casey

CAITLIN PAULIN

You were our original test baby and you passed with flying colors! Stay true to who you are and always remember to defy gravity!

We love you Cait!
Mom, Dad, Mike and Kev

STEVEN COSTA

Your friends and teachers will remember you by your constant smile and your warm and caring heart that touched the lives of many, young and old. As you take the next steps into college, continue your ways and the world ahead of you will have so much to offer. We are so blessed to be your parents.

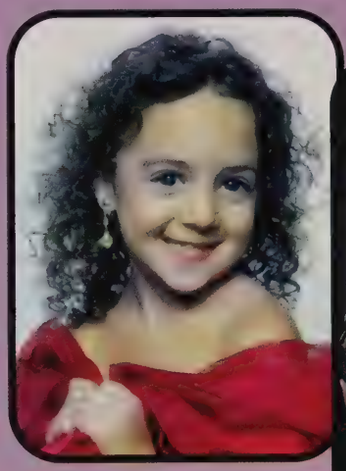
Love you,
Mom and Dad

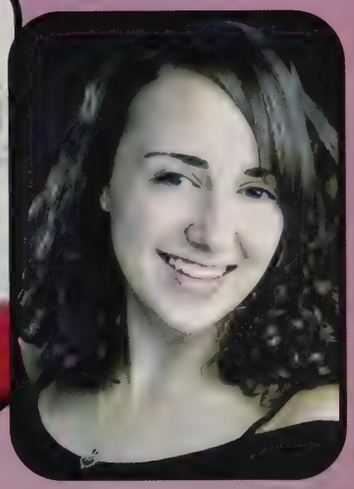
Steve,

Through the years, even as a younger brother, you have given me someone to look up to. Your great personality and hard work will pay off one day. Keep up the work six!

Love, Anthony

JAMIE LYNN COLBURN





Congratulations!
We're proud of you. Keep up the great work!
Wishing you success and good times in college.
Keep the memories of your teachers, friends, and family close at heart. We'll always be right here for you.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and John

BRITTNEY LEE TWOHIG

BLT,

Congratulations! We are so proud of you. Our precious baby girl has grown into a beautiful young woman and an awesome big sister.

Always remember, be true to yourself, follow your dreams, listen to your heart, and never settle for less than you deserve.

Here's to a wonderful future.

We love you so much!
Mom, Dad, Nicholas, and Connor

MICHELLE CURTIS

Michelle,

Be who you are and always believe in yourself. The future lies before you, so reach for your dreams. We love you and are so very proud of you!

Love,
Mom and Dad

DANIEL MASCIOTRA

One of our greatest joys has been watching you grow. We are so proud of the young man you have become and look forward to seeing you achieve your dreams. We know you will succeed in whatever you choose to do. We love you Dan, and are always here for you.

Love,
Mom and Dad

KHALID SHEHEMI

Khalid,

Our hero, our son, our pride and joy. Make all your dreams come true. We love you.

Mom and Dad

Khalid,

We've had unforgettable moments.

Love, Iman

P.S. I love when you beat me up!

RACHEL BUTT

Rachel,

Life is a journey and yours is just beginning. Your future is what you make of it and remember; times do change and so do we, but what will never change is our love for thee.

Love,
Dad, Mom, Steven, Samantha, and Tyler

RYAN WHEELER

It's hard to imagine this milestone is here. It seems like only yesterday when it began. I am so proud of the young man you have become and the wonderful son you have always been. I wish you only the best on your journey ahead.

Remember to always stay true to yourself.

Love, Mom

TAYLOR HARTMANN

Taylor,

You have grown into a beautiful and confident young woman. You are everything we hoped for and we are so proud of you! Reach for your dreams, work hard and you will do well. Have fun and know that we will always be here for you!

Love you Missy!
Maj and Dad

Good luck in college, Taylor. Mom, Dad, Comet and I will miss you. Any questions about college, don't be afraid to ask me. Congratulations Taylor!

Love,
Matt

ASHLEY BREAULT

Princess,

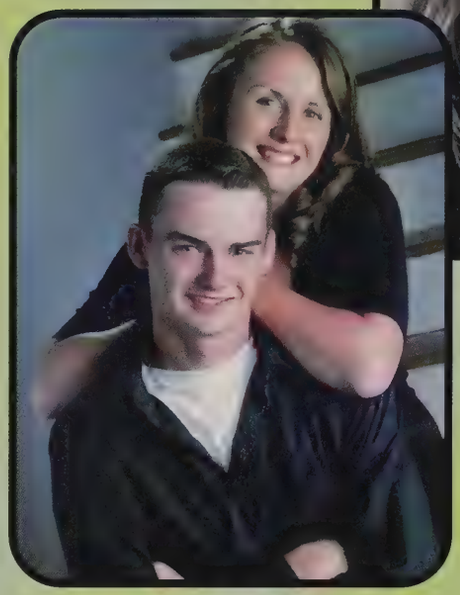
Wherever your dreams may take you in life, remember you'll always be here in my heart.

Love and prayers,
Grammie XO

The day you were born, I thought it was the happiest day of my life. I soon realized that everyday was my happiest with you in my life. You have grown up to be such a beautiful young lady with so much potential in life. I am so proud of all you have accomplished so far. I know in my heart you will be successful in everything you do because you have the determination in yourself to succeed. I love you with all my heart.

XOXO
Mom

DELANIE & DJ SAPELLI



Dear DJ & Delanie,

It has been amazing watching you grow up. There have been good times and bad times, but they have been our times. You have both become wonderful, strong people that we are so proud of. The future holds so much for the both of you, but never forget where you came from. Know that this will always be your home. We wish you all the happiness, and always remember you have each other.

All our love,
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Brie Christine,

You've brought so much joy to our family from the moment you were born and we held you in our arms! Your smile lifts our hearts and lights up the room.

Remember, "always believe in yourself."

We love you, "all the world."
Mom, Dad, and Danny

Brit,

We are so proud of you. It's amazing how fast the time goes by. Congratulations.

Love,
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You are such a talented daughter, who inspires me every day. It's time to spread your wings. We are so proud of you!

We love you.
Mom, Mike, and Emily

Matt,

You have always put a smile on our faces. Your determination is your strength which will take you many places. Live, laugh, hope, and love!

Mom, Dad,
Mandy, and Jessica

Jess,

You are always the sunshine on my cloudy day! Hope you bring as much joy and happiness into this crazy world as you've done for me.

Love,
Daddy

HALEY MUZZY

Dear Haley,

Eighteen years have come and gone and I wish we could do it all over again, only slower next time. It has been an absolute joy having you for a daughter. We are so proud of all your accomplishments. May all your hopes and dreams come true! Don't lose sight of your goals. We will always be there for you. Good luck in college. We will miss you so much.

Love,
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Haley,

You've been a good big sister. Thanks for always watching my back! Good luck next year. I'll miss you.

Love,
Joshua

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Andy,

From the time that you were three, we knew you'd be a performer. However, you've certainly come a long way since shaking your booty to "Achy Breaky Heart" in sissy's boots and using a spoon for a microphone!

We're so proud of you! Follow your dream, keep smiling, writing lyrics, rapping, and bringing the crowd to their feet. You deserve the best life has to offer and we know you'll be a star some day. You already are with us!

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Love,
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Congratulations Em! We're very proud of our little sister. We love you and wish you the best next year. College will be a fun and challenging experience, but you'll do great.

Love you,
Anthony and Lauren

DEVON MOZDZANOWSKI

Devon,

From first grade to twelfth grade in a flash! Lots of hard work propelled you to graduate from high school in a few months.

We are proud of your achievements in school, sports, and music. God has gifted you with a musical talent. May the Lord bless the CD you are producing.

Always put God first and He will direct your path. Proverbs 3: 5 - 6.

You have been a joy and a blessing! Never loose sight of your goals. God will help you accomplish them.

Love,
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ANTONIA MOORE

You have brought sunshine into our lives. We have watched you bring happiness to others by making them feel special. We all love you very much and feel blessed to have you in our lives.We hope that life will reward you with much happiness and self-satisfaction as you share your wonderful talents with the rest of the world.

Love and Pride,
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NICHOLE PELLETIER

Dear Nichole,

Hi, brat! You have had many trials and tribulations through out your time in high school. We are so proud of you and impressed by the way you have become your own person. Remember the choices in life you make will not only affect you but everyone around you. Best of luck to you in your ventures in your life ahead of you. We love you very much.

Love ya brat,
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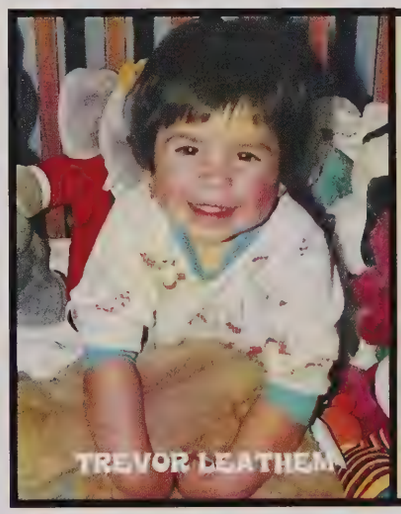
BRIGETTE BARNHART

"Bobbi,"

If ever there was a "Lovely List," you would most certainly be on it! We are so proud of who you've become.

Love you always,
Mom, Dad, and Drew



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Your intriquing conversations with all of your family have always kept us on our toes. We have come to expect the unexpected from you.

As you begin this new and exciting chapter in your life, please know that we look forward to watching you grow into the most interesting person in our family! We love you!

"Education is what remains after one has forgotten everything he learned in school." -Albert Einstein

Love,
Mom, Dad, Noelle, Matthew, Craig, Jacob, & Max

ALYSSA STYCKIEWICZ

Alyssa,

You were once small, and now you stand tall, so confident and sure of yourself. It has been so incredible watching it all. Now you are setting sail for parts unknown. As you go, our love will be with you. May your sails be filled with all that you need, and remember, you are never far from home. Follow your dreams, you are a wonderful daughter.

Love,
Mom and Dad

P.S. I just wish you could keep your room a little neater.

I can't believe that you are graduating. Good luck in college. If you ever need me, I'll be there for you.

Love,
Matthew

ALYSSA STYCKIEWICZ

Alyssa,

Where has time gone? Just yesterday, you were our only beautiful baby granddaughter. Today, you are still our only beautiful, smart, and grown granddaughter. Having you for a granddaughter has been one of the greatest gifts life has given us, in spite of your bedroom. We love you and are very proud of you. We know you will succeed in whatever you do.

Congratulations!

Love,
Noni and Grandpa

P.S. You will always be my Cleopatra.

TYLER ALVES

Tyler,

The details of your life are not inconsequential. But where do we begin? Things really escalated quickly; jumped up a notch. But you always kept your head on a swivel. We are so proud of you! Time is gone, the song is over, at least this part of it, and we thought we'd have more to say, but what more can we say. You have been wonderful! Not much more we can do to get you ready for life.

For years, Mother stayed up until you got in. Mother always found out where you've been. Now it's where you're going to go. Will you run for President? Will you trust the government? Will they put you in the firing line, or is it just a waste of time? We are just sure though that you'll be a real Cinderella story: the former greens keeper that becomes Masters Champion or maybe a looper for the llama in the Himalayas. Either way, it's what you want to do that's important. We are confident that someday you'll be somebody who has many leather bound books and an apartment that smells of rich mahogany. Go big or go home they say. Don't wake up one day and find ten years have got behind you. You need to know when to run. Don't miss the starting gun. Always wear shoes; you never know when you'll need to run. Run Tyler, Run! But if you ever find yourself in a glass case of emotions, and you don't know what to do with your hands, just remember the games and daisy chains and laughs.

Mother and your Fazha will always be there. We are looking forward to the journey ahead with you. We hope you are too! So remember, if you ain't first, you're last. Always shake and bake. If you can dodge a wrench, you can dodge a ball, and remember ELE; everybody love everybody. Live it, Learn it, Know it! Even if there's a total crowd at food line, never say I just couldn't make it. You can. That Styx cover band and nacho fountain with six kinds of cheese will be yours someday. If you put your mind to it, we are certain everything can be achieved by you. Abracadabra Holmes! You Jive Turkey!!!!!

Seriously though Tyler, we love you and are proud of you and your friends. For all you live and high you fly, and smiles you give and tears you cry, and all you touch and all you see, you will be what you want to be.

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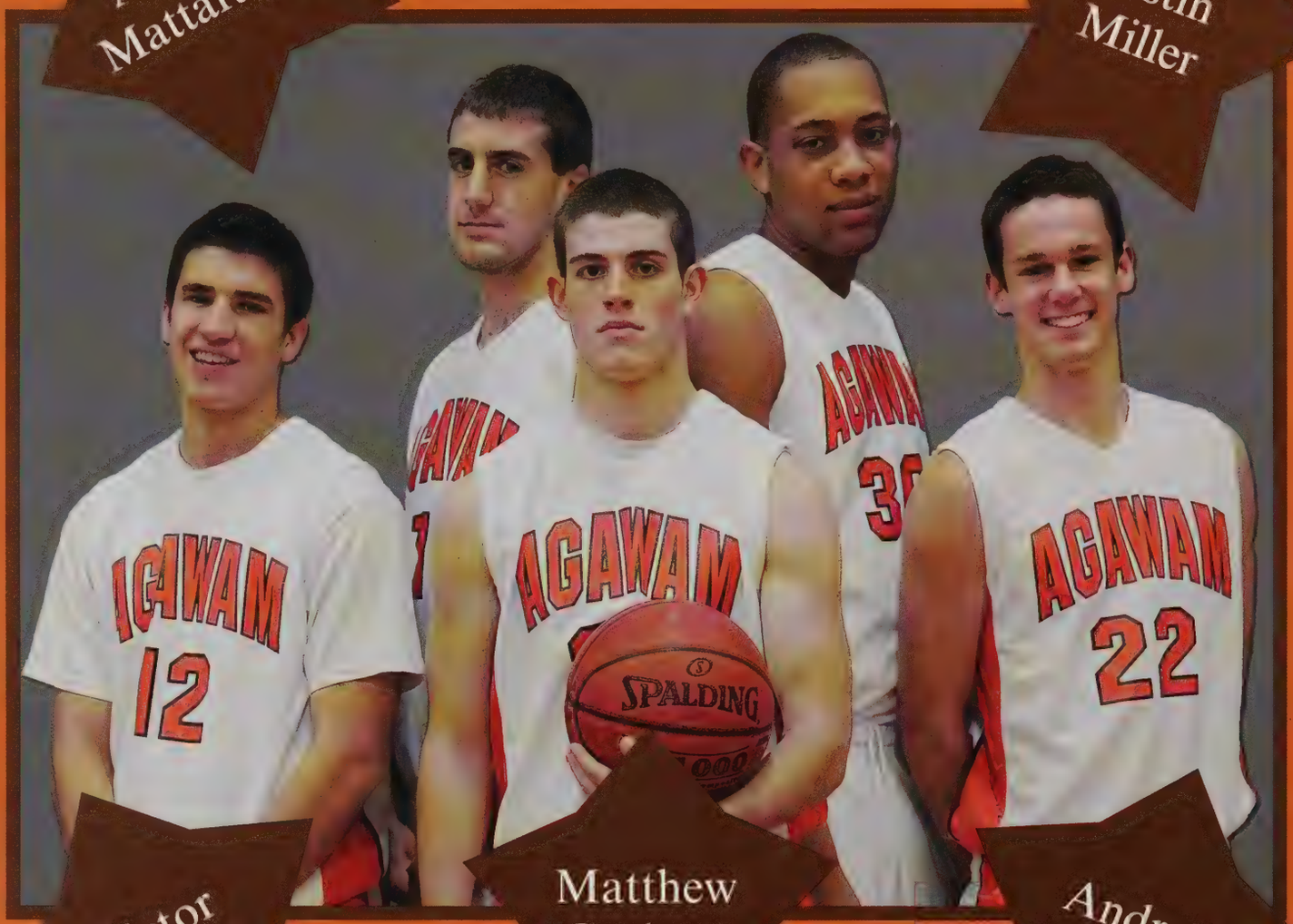

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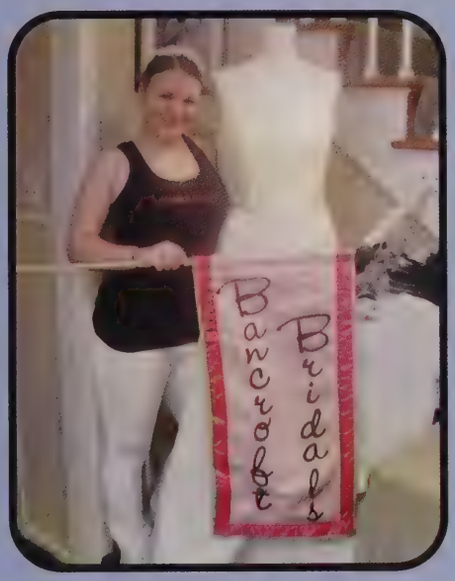

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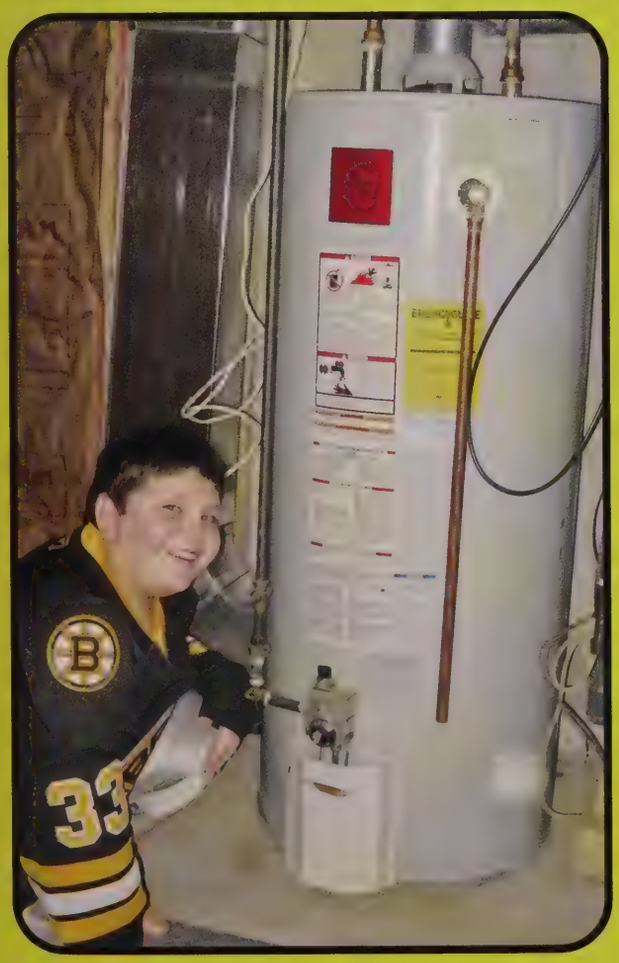

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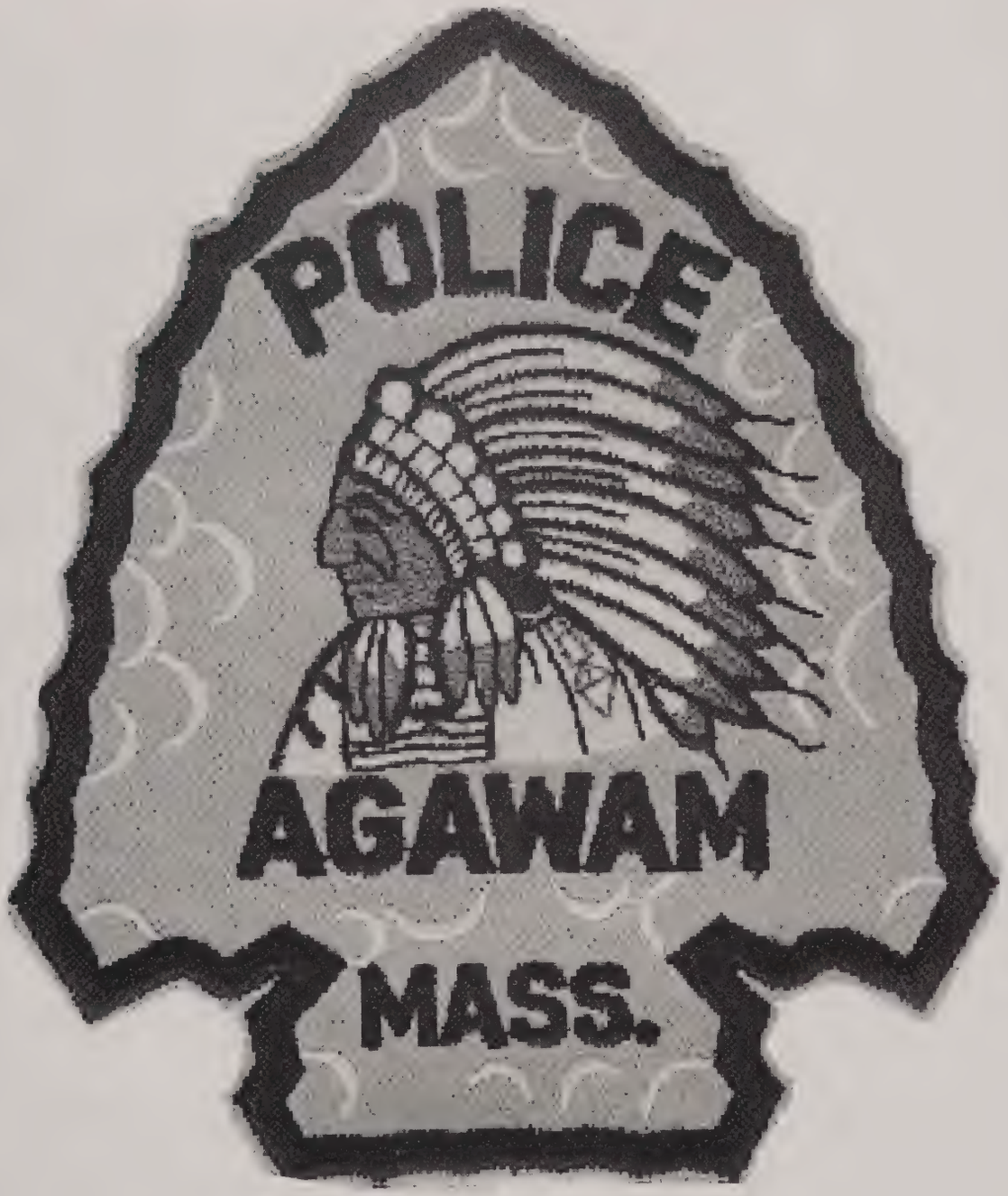

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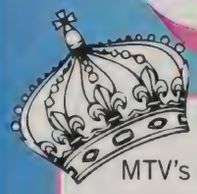

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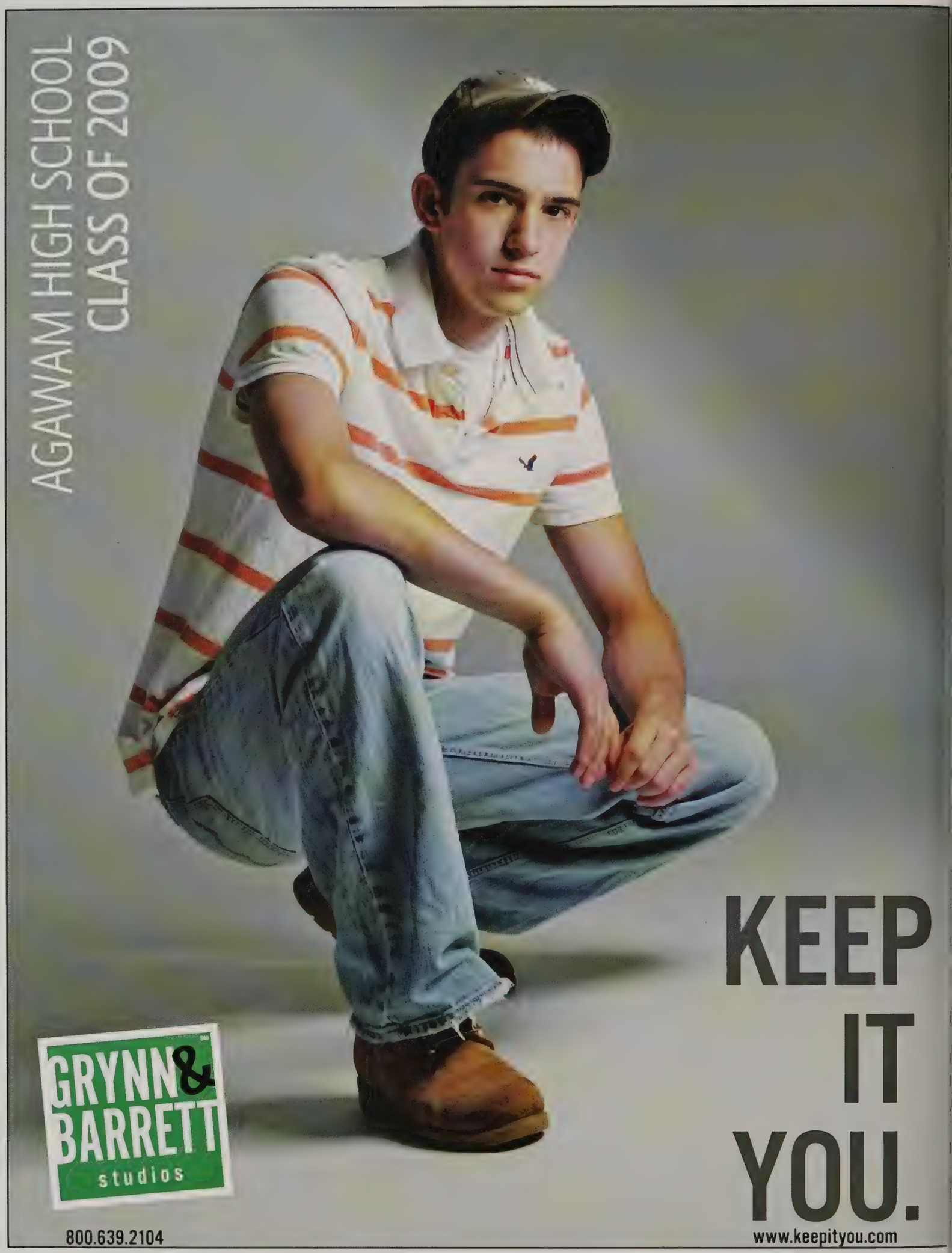
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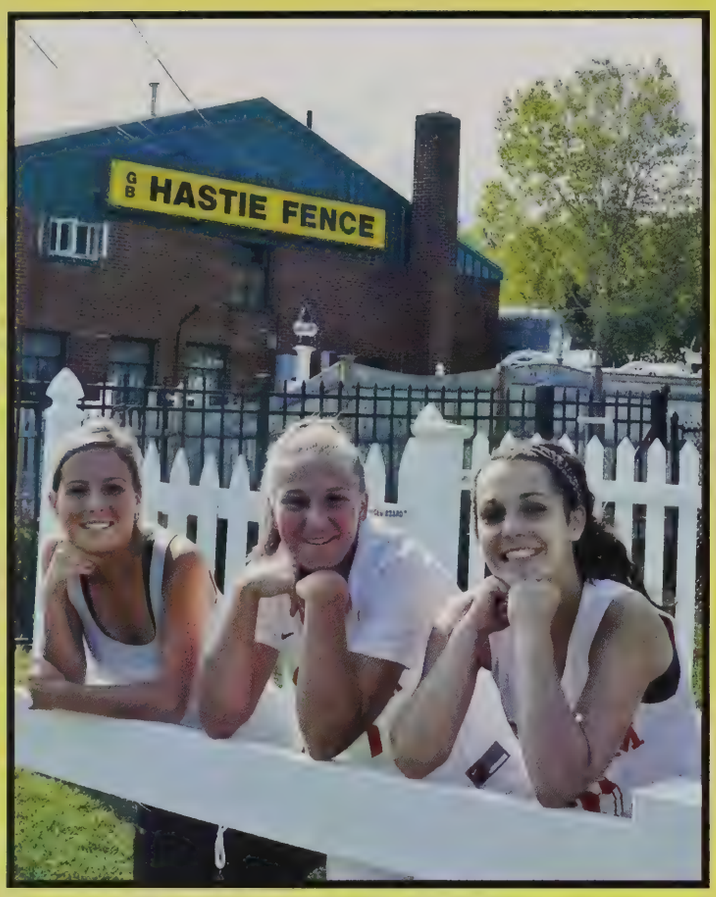

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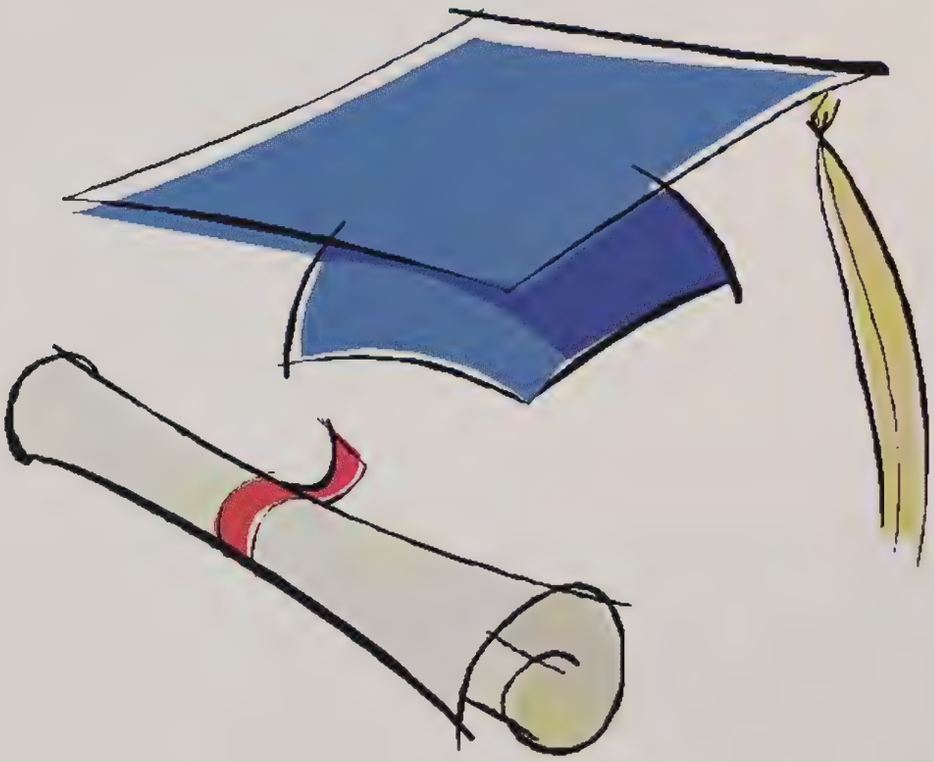

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Housing Crisis

The housing market hit crisis status in 2008. With the rise in unemployment, one in 10 homeowners was at least one payment behind on their mortgage or in foreclosure. Nationwide, median home prices fell more than 11 percent to $183,000—the largest year-over-year drop on record since 1968.

Billion-dollar Bailout

The U.S. Senate sparked intense debate when it approved a $700 billion plan to rescue Wall Street. The bailout came in response to months of retail sales decline, home foreclosures and record drops in the stock market (dropping 777 points on September 29). Worldwide $30.1 trillion of global stock market value was lost.

Americans Ditch Cars

With a recession in full swing and commuters concerned about record gas prices, drivers traded their cars for bikes. The Federal Highway Administration reported that Americans drove 9.6 billion fewer miles over the previous year. With consumers buying fewer cars, the big three American automakers felt the pinch. Seeking relief, they asked for and received a $13.4 billion piece of the federal bailout originally intended for Wall Street.

Hurricane Ike Hits Texas

Thousands of residents evacuated coastal and inland areas of Texas in preparation for Hurricane Ike, which turned out to be the third most destructive hurricane ever to hit the U.S. The early evacuation efforts (put in place after Hurricane Katrina) undoubtedly saved thousands of lives.

Energy Independence

The U.S. Congress agreed with President Bush's decision to lift the almost 20-year ban on offshore drilling operations. The high price of crude oil as well as the strategic importance of energy independence led to the decision.

U.S. Troops

After more than five years of war, plans to reduce the presence of U.S. troops in Iraq were moved forward. A new agreement between U.S. and Iraqi officials was ratified, outlining the withdrawal of U.S. troops by 2011. At the same time, in Afghanistan there were 31,000 U.S. troops, and that number is expected to double in 2009.

Cleared for Takeoff

It's official—Delta bought Northwest Airlines for $3.1 billion, creating the world's largest airline. The combined new airline now serves more than 390 destinations in 67 countries. It is expected to generate about $35 billion in yearly revenue and employ 75,000 people.

Crisis in Gaza

The long-standing conflict in Gaza rose to war when hundreds of civilians lost their lives and thousands were injured in airstrikes and mortar shell attacks waged separately by the Israeli military and Hamas militant groups. Hamas is listed as a terrorist organization by the U.S. and many other Western nations. In January 2009, Israel withdrew its troops and the Hamas groups declared a cease-fire, ending the three-week war; however tensions between the two sides remain high.

Winning against Cancer

New diagnoses and deaths from cancer both fell for the first time in the U.S. according to the National Cancer Institute's 2008 report. The overall death rates fell for the most common cancers, dropping .08 percent annually from 1999 to 2005 for both men and women. While overall cancer rates decreased, lung cancer remains a concern in the Midwest and the South. Both areas have yet to adopt anti-smoking laws that ban smoking in public places or to increase taxes on cigarettes.

Obama Elected 44th President

In a historic moment, 47-year-old Barack Obama, a freshman senator from Illinois, became America's first African-American president. In addition to shattering 200 years of history, he became the fifth youngest president ever when he was sworn in to office on January 20, 2009. In his inauguration speech, President Obama delivered a message of bipartisan hope and expectation to a crowd of over one million people in Washington D.C. and to millions more via television and the Internet.

Cease Fire

Following a short yet destabilizing conflict, the governments of Georgia and Russia signed a U.S. brokered cease-fire, which required all Russian troops to withdraw to their pre-invasion positions. The invasion was in response to Georgian suppression of Russian supported separatist rebels in the breakaway region of South Ossetia.

Earthquake Rocks China

A 7.9 magnitude earthquake rocked southwest China leaving 4.8 million people homeless. More than 60,000 people were injured while over 20,000 people lost their lives. To help rebuild the livelihoods, schools and basic services the area needs, several United Nations agencies have set up continuing operations in China.

Mumbai Targeted

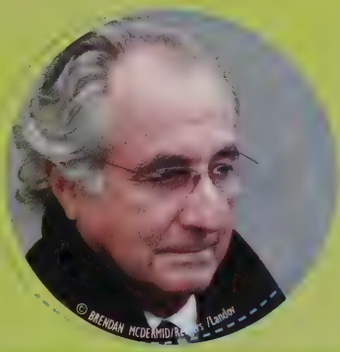
Over three days in November, India's city of Mumbai was attacked by terrorists, allegedly backed by a Pakistani-based Islamic militant group. Over 160 people lost their lives in the planned attack which targeted India's financial center.

Prepared for Landing

In January 2009, US Airways' Pilot C.B. "Sully" Sullenberger prepared for impact less than 90 seconds after taking off from LaGuardia International Airport in New York, as Flight 1549's engines went out after hitting a flock of birds. The pilot decided the safest place to land was in the icy waters of the Hudson River. Pilot Sullenberger's skill and quick response saved the lives of all 155 passengers.

$50 Billion Fraud

The former chairman of the Nasdaq Stock Market, Bernard Madoff, was charged with running a $50 billion Ponzi scheme, in one of the biggest fraud cases in history. Madoff could face 20 years in prison and a $5 million fine if convicted. Madoff's actions may have cost some of the largest financial firms in the world hundreds of millions of dollars each.



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Goodnight Nighthawk

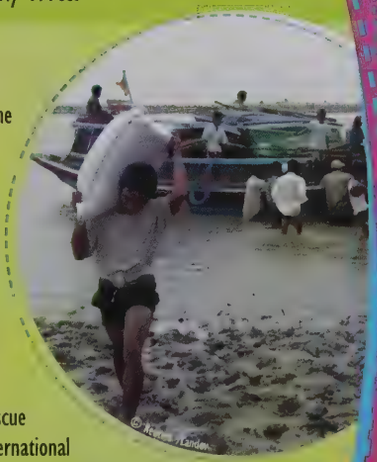
After three decades of exemplary service as the first aircraft in history to successfully make use of stealth technology, the F-117 Nighthawk was retired at a private military ceremony. The "Stealth" gained notoriety through now famous camera footage of its precision performance in Desert Storm in the early 1990s.

Adventurer to the End

Almost 13 months after adventurer Steve Fossett disappeared in a single-engine plane over Nevada and a year to the day since the search was called off, hikers found his airplane and remains in the Sierra Nevada Mountains. Fosset holds many world records including being the first person to fly solo nonstop around the world in a hot air balloon.

Myanmar Devastation

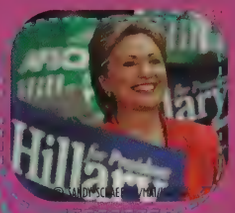
A massive cyclone hit the small country of Myanmar in May 2008, tallying an eventual death toll of over 100,000 people. The military government of Myanmar initially refused foreign aid and asserted that it could handle all relief and rescue efforts. According to International Red Cross reports, the lack of immediate international support most likely cost thousands of lives.



An Election to Remember

The nation witnessed several history-making events during the 2008 presidential election.

Alaskan Governor **Sarah Palin** became the first female Vice Presidential candidate for the Republican Party.



New York Senator **Hillary Clinton** made a run at America's number one seat as a candidate in the Democratic primary. After withdrawing from the race, Clinton went on to accept the role of Secretary of State in President Obama's administration.

Voters turned out in record numbers with over 133 million Americans showing up at the polls. Social networking websites like YouTube, MySpace and Facebook played a major role in yielding the highest turnout in 40 years.

President Obama's inauguration was visible from space. Satellite images showed the record-breaking 1.8 million people gathered on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. to be a part of the historic event.

Test Your Presidential Knowledge

1. **What is the name of the President's office?**
   a. Square Office b. Oval Office
   c. Circular Office d. Presidential Office

2. **The President often flies on a plane provided by the Air Force. What is the name of the plane?**
   a. Whitehouse Air b. President's Plane
   c. Air Force One d. U.S. Force One

3. **Which state has yielded the most U.S. Presidents?**
   a. Illinois b. Texas
   c. New York d. Virginia

Answers: 1. b 2. c 3. d

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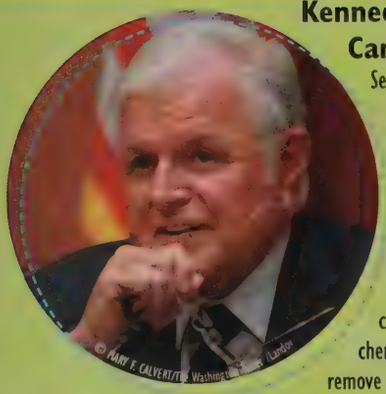

Kennedy Diagnosed with Cancer

Senator Edward "Ted" Kennedy was diagnosed with a malignant tumor after suffering a seizure. The tumor was located in the 76-year-old politician's left parietal lobe, near the top of his brain. Recommended treatment included a combination of radiation, chemotherapy and surgery to remove as much of the tumor as could be safely done without harming the senator.

Peanut Butter Recall

An outbreak of salmonella traced to tainted peanut butter products prompted President Obama to order a complete review of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration process. The contaminated products sickened 529 people in 43 states and may have led to the deaths of nine people. King Nut, the company charged with distributing the products filed Chapter 7 bankruptcy.

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Ivory Legally for Sale

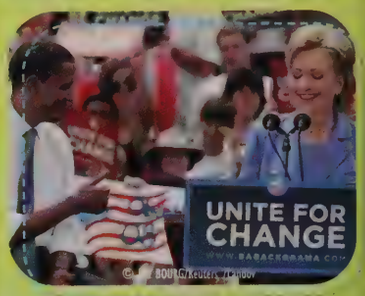
For the second time in nearly two decades, ivory was offered for sale legally. According to the watchdog group CITES, the United Nations-approved ivory sales will be followed by a resting period of nine years to safeguard elephant stocks. The group reported that the elephant population has increased in recent years and the animal is no longer threatened with extinction. The amount of ivory for sale was equal to the yield from 10,000 or more elephants.

Smart Ride

Washington rolled out America's first high-tech bike-sharing program this year. SmartBikes come with key-card locking systems and tracking devices to prevent theft. Denver and Minneapolis launched bike-sharing programs in the summer, with Chicago, San Francisco, Seattle, Portland, Oregon and Arlington, Virginia making plans for the near future.

Torch Relay Ignites Protest

Thousands of protesters turned out after the Olympic torch flame arrived in San Francisco, waving flags and signs with sayings like "No human rights, no Olympics." Protestors cited China's actions on Tibet, its policies in Darfur and human rights violations against Chinese citizens. Around the world, similar protests delayed the torch's progress.



Clinton Endorses Obama

After 17 months of campaigning against him, Senator Hillary Clinton officially conceded victory to Barack Obama. Clinton repeatedly called on her supporters to unite behind her former opponent. Even though her campaign was not successful, Senator Clinton paved the way for a woman to win the White House in the future.

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Dam in Grand Canyon Bursts

In August 2008, a remote dam in the Grand Canyon region burst, leading to the evacuation of hundreds of residents, campers and visitors. The waterlogged dam burst after a torrential rain accumulated eight inches in two days. The flooding waters poured into Cataract and Supai Canyon, washing out some hiking trails and footbridges.

China Tackles Quake Lakes

In the aftermath of China's massive earthquake, as many as 35 "quake lakes" were formed, threatening to flood surrounding villages. In an attempt to drain the lakes, Chinese troops deployed tons of earth-moving equipment and explosives to clear debris and create a spillway to relieve water pressure. Just one of the so-called quake lakes held nearly 130 million cubic meters, equal to about 50,000 Olympic-size swimming pools.

Space Travel

Traveling to space is a childhood dream for many people and soon they could achieve it. Virgin Galactic, owned by billionaire Richard Branson, unveiled plans for their suborbital spaceliner. Test flights began in the summer of 2008. Tickets are being offered for an initial price of $200,000.

In the Doghouse

Killys, a 70-pound pit bull, went for a joy ride that started and ended at an Oklahoma car wash when he was left alone in a car and accidentally slipped it into reverse. After crossing the highway and hitting a curb, the car turned and circled back to the car wash. The dog couldn't quite reach the brakes and crashed into the side of the building. No one was injured and the police officer on the scene let the bewildered dog off with a warning.

Medal of Honor

Army Master Sgt. Woodrow "Woody" Keeble was awarded the Medal of Honor nearly 26 years after his death for his heroic efforts during the Korean War. Keeble was the first full-blooded Sioux Indian to receive the honor and the 10th person to receive the medal from President Bush. Keeble's family, fellow soldiers, tribal members and four U.S. senators lobbied for years to approve the nomination.

Extreme Thin Outlawed

French lawmakers presented a bill banning the glamorization of extreme thinness. The bill recommends fines of up to $71,000 and three years in prison for people or businesses that promote extreme thinness. If the bill passes, the law would be the strongest of its kind anywhere in the world.

Russian Blue Wins

A 1.5-year-old Russian Blue cat named Blade Runner won Best in Show at the CFA-Iams Cat Championship in New York. Over 248 cats in 41 breeds competed for various honors throughout the event. Blade Runner became the first Russian Blue to win the title.

Economic Ups & Downs

With the economy in turmoil, unemployment rose to 7.2 percent. More than 2.6 million jobs were lost in 2008, the highest number since World War II.

Starbucks, the reigning king of coffee, announced that it would close 600 stores. With increased competition from McDonald's and Americans making financial sacrifices, the coffee chain faced an uncertain future.

Fishy Business

Beth Nudelman quickly notified officials of their mistake when she received voter registration material for her deceased goldfish, Princess. The paperwork sent to "Princess Nudelman" likely came from the Women's Voices, Women Vote project, which sent nearly 1 million mailings to Illinois households using a list that mistakenly included pets.

Hands On

The American Heart Association announced that the "hands on" CPR method works just as well as the mouth-to-mouth technique in most cases of cardiac arrest. The announcement will hopefully encourage hesitant bystanders to step forward to provide life-saving CPR in critical situations.

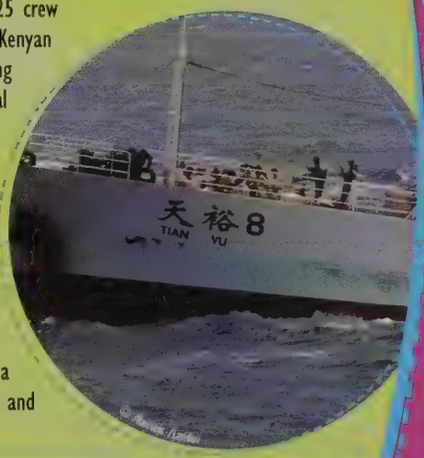
Warm the Heart

A recent study suggests that people view others more positively when they're holding something warm, like a cup of coffee or cocoa. The experimenters suggest that the connection between heat and emotion is a result of early associations in childhood.

Despite economic instability, Google chose to keep employee perks, like ping pong and free lunches, as other companies slashed costs and benefits. Google maintains that their laid-back atmosphere leads to devoted and focused employees.

Pirates Hijack Tankers

In the largest modern-day case of piracy on the high seas, pirates seized a massive Saudi-owned oil supertanker loaded with crude oil and carrying 25 crew members off the Kenyan coast. The hijacking was one of several attacks this year by Somali pirates seeking ransoms. After taking over the vessel, the pirates took it to a Somali port that has become a haven for bandits and seized ships.



Smoking Genes

Scientists identified genetic variations that raise the risk of lung cancer in smokers. The research also revealed evidence to suggest that these variations could make carriers more addicted to tobacco.

Many teens were not troubled by the economic crisis. In a survey of 769 high school students, 8 percent owned an iPhone and 22 percent expected to buy one in the next six months.

Test Your Election Knowledge

1. **A third party candidate won the presidential election in 1984.**
   True or False

2. **How many electoral votes are necessary to win the presidential election?**
   a. 270 b. 51
   c. 1776 d. 102

3. **Your right to vote can be taken away.**
   True or False

Answers: 1. False 2. a 3. True

Planet Earth

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Teens Take Title

A high school team from Mater Dei High School in Evansville, Indiana beat out students from 23 universities to take the Shell Eco-marathon grand prize for designing, building and driving a vehicle that went the farthest distance using the least amount of fuel. The three-wheeled combustion engine car achieved an amazing 2,843.4 miles per gallon. The students won $10,000 for their invention.

Bird, Mammal or Reptile?

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One of the most curious animals on the planet, the platypus, has a duck's bill, mammal fur and snake-like venom. Scientists mapped its genetic makeup, which indicates that this strange looking creature is, in fact, a little bit of all three—bird, mammal and reptile.

Earth Invades Mars

Usually we think of Martians invading Earth but it looks like Earthlings will make contact first. In May 2008, NASA's Phoenix Lander arrived on Mars and for the first time discovered ice on the Red Planet.

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Trash to Gas

The high price of gas in 2008 put a spotlight on the study of alternative fuel sources. In America, at the University of California at Davis, engineers repurposed table scraps into bio-gas. In similar studies in the United Kingdom and Japan, jellyfish, spoiled milk and confectionary waste were all given new life as alternative fuel sources.

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Shipwreck Treasure

Geologists searching for diamonds off the coast of Africa discovered a treasure far more rare—a shipwreck loaded with gold and silver coins, as well as ivory and cannons used to fend off pirates. The ship is thought to be around 500 years old, dating back to the time of Vasco de Gama and Christopher Columbus.

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Run Green

Did you know that a running shoe can last 1,000 years in a landfill? Brooks® has designed a shoe that reduces your carbon footprint—literally. The shoe features a new kind of midsole called BioMoGo, which degrades 50 times faster than a standard running shoe. Brooks® estimates that its green footwear will reduce 30 million pounds of landfill waste over a 20-year period.

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Ancient Sea Creature Discovered

A new group of plesiosaurs, a reptile species that swam in ancient seas, was discovered in North America. The plesiosaurs roamed during the Jurassic and Cretaceous periods—about 65-205 million years ago. This find represents one of the oldest and most complete skeletons of a prehistoric aquatic reptile ever discovered in North America.

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Farms of the Future

In the future, farms could rise straight into the air resembling skyscrapers instead of sprawling acres of land. "Vertical" farming presents many advantages over traditional farming, mainly growing more food on less land. Currently, it takes a plot of land as large as Virginia to grow enough food for approximately 8 million people.

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Sustainable Dave

Cameraman Dave Chameides embarked on a study to reduce waste. To showcase his effort he saved all of his trash for one year—only 30.5 lbs. In comparison, the average family throws away 1,700 lbs. of trash annually. Chameides conducts seminars and writes a sustainability blog teaching that "no one can do everything, but everyone can do something."

Stone or Glass?

Add countertops to the list of eco-friendly products. BottleStone, a Los Altos Hills company that makes ceramic stone countertops out of recycled glass, walked away with the $100,000 prize from the CleanTech Open, a contest showcasing the newest innovations in the world of sustainability. The company said that zero emissions are created in the production of the new surface material, yet the glass countertops are as strong as concrete and cost less than marble or granite.

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Tejon Ranch Protected

Conservationists and developers in California reached a historic agreement that will permanently protect the Tejon Ranch, 240,000 acres of land just north of Los Angeles. The newly protected area provides a critical habitat to many wildlife species. The strong support for environmental conservation is a sign of the times and will guarantee public access for generations to come.

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Running on Air

Zero Pollution Motors, together with automaker MDI, plans to produce an affordable, environmentally-friendly car powered by air. While it won't run like a sports car, it can reach speeds of 35 miles per hour for 60 miles on a tank of compressed air, a sufficient distance for 80 percent of consumers to commute to work and run errands. On highways, it can cruise at interstate speeds for 800 miles with a small motor that compresses outside air to keep the tank fueled. Vehicle sales are slated for 2011.

Quarter-Sized Slither

A U.S. scientist discovered the world's tiniest species of snake, measuring only four inches long, on the island of Barbados in the Caribbean. Out of 3,100 known snake species, the newly named Zootaxa snake is so small it can curl up to the size of a quarter.

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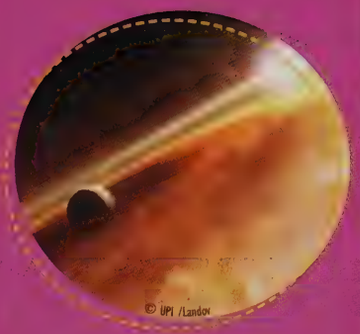

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Super Earth Planets Discovered

Astronomers discovered 45 "super Earth" planets, indicating that one-third of all stars have a solar system in orbit with planets similar to Earth in size. Don't hold out for tiny green men, these planets orbit close to their stars (measuring mean temperatures of 354 degrees Fahrenheit) and cannot harbor life.

Colossal Carats

A potentially record-breaking diamond, totalling 478 carats, was found in the small southern African country of Lesotho. Although not the largest diamond found to date, this particular stone is valued for having the highest possible color rating for a white diamond and its potential to produce a polished stone of over 100 carats—now that's a rock!

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Eye on the Environment

Around the globe, evidence of climate change continued to make news.

In 2008, a 160-square mile chunk of Antarctic ice—seven times bigger than Manhattan—broke away, placing more glacial ice at risk.

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Carbon dioxide is entering the atmosphere at a faster rate than plants and oceans can absorb it.

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More than a million species face extinction due to climate change including the polar bear, which in May 2008 was officially added to the list of endangered species.

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Some scientists warn that sea levels could rise as much as 23 inches by the century's end. Rises of just four inches could flood many South Sea Islands and swamp large parts of Southeast Asia.

Elusive White Whale Spotted

A rare sighting of a white killer whale had biologists running for their cameras. The scientific team on board the Oscar Dyson spotted the nearly mythical creature off of Alaska's Aleutian Islands. According to the research biologist who snapped a photo of the animal's back and fin, it was the equivalent to finding a "needle in a haystack."

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Find at Ferry Farm

George Washington's boyhood home was discovered at Ferry Farm, along the Rappahannock River near Fredericksburg, Virginia. The exciting find revealed many artifacts that could have been used by Washington while he lived on the farm from 1738-1754. Archaeologists were able to piece together the home's structure, making it possible to build a replica.

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Solar Wind Source Found

With the help of images shot from the Hinode space observatory, scientists pinpointed the source of the stream of particles that make up slow solar wind. Astronomers knew where fast solar wind originated but knew little about slow solar wind. Now scientists know that it comes from the region above the Sun's equator allowing them to better understand the dynamics of space weather and solar storms.

Under the Sea

A marine survey revealed thousands of discoveries from beneath the surface of the sea, including a city of starfish and a carpet of crustaceans. The Census of Marine Life is part of a worldwide project to understand life under the sea. The census is expected to reveal important information about 230,000 known marine species and possibly identify more than 5,500 new species.

Test Your Environmental Knowledge

1. **How much water can you save per day by turning off the faucet while you brush your teeth?**
   a. 8 gallons b. 100 gallons
   c. 20 gallons d. 50 gallons

2. **If every household in the U.S. used recycled paper towels, how many trees would be saved each year?**
   a. 1,000 b. 544,000
   c. 200 d. 200,000

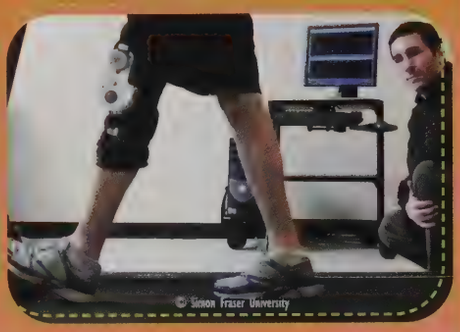
3. **Over one million plastic bags are used per minute worldwide.**
   True or False

Answers: 1. a 2. b 3. True

Tech Topics

Walk This Way

Discovering new ways to generate energy is a top priority. Kinesiologist Max Donelan from Simon Fraser University invented a device that harvests energy from the simple and routine act of walking. The 3.5 lbs. device wraps around each knee generating five watts of power—enough to charge 10 cell phones.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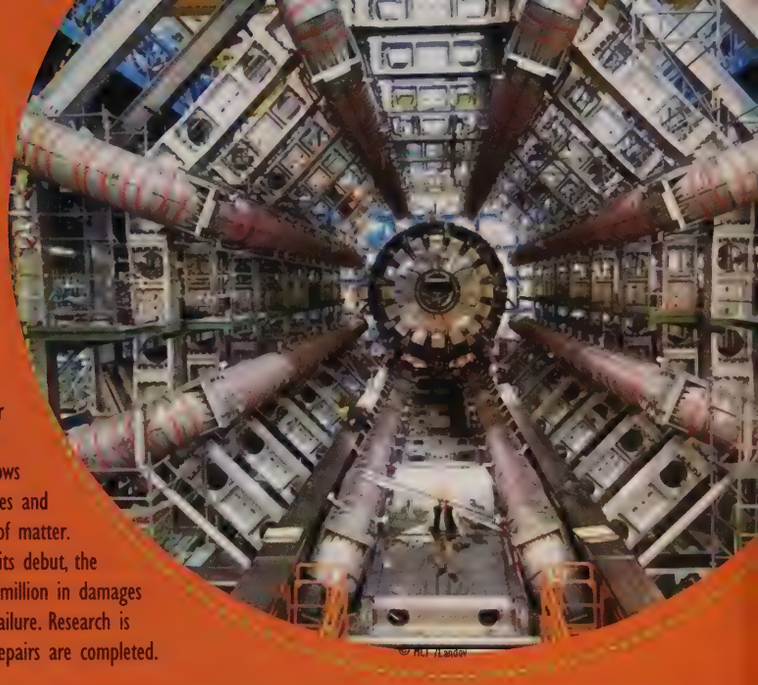
Large Hadron Collider

Scientists at the European Organization for Nuclear Research developed the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) that smashes atom protons together at 99.9999% of the speed of light. The $9 billion device allows scientists to test physics theories and better understand the nature of matter. Unfortunately, nine days after its debut, the "atom smasher" suffered $21 million in damages as the result of an electrical failure. Research is planned to resume after the repairs are completed.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Get a Life-Form

It's not what "they" will think of next, but what gamers will create in their own video game experience. SporeTM, the new game by Will Wright, the creator of SimCity and the Sims, allows players to design their own unique life-form and manage every aspect of its progression through centuries.

Floating Ads

Created by a company called Flogo, these new floating advertisements can take the shape of anything you want—from simple messages to images of superheroes. The "clouds" are made by combining soap-based foams with lightweight gases such as helium. The company uses re-purposed artificial snow machines to create the floating ads which last 30-40 minutes on average and don't pollute the environment.

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Let's Get Chumby

The newest form of on-the-go entertainment, Chumby connects to your wi-fi to keep you up-to-date on your favorite music, podcasts, celebrity news, videos, games, photos and more. Chumby technology delivers your favorite parts of the Internet, leaving the keyboard and computer behind.

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Computer Hears

Dictation software is nothing new but Nuance's Dragon® NaturallySpeaking® 10 is the first program on the market that adjusts for the different ways people speak. The program recognizes eight accents including Australian, British, Spanish and Southern United States and understands basic commands such as "italicize" and "search." Now if it could only do your homework.

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Back in the Swim of Things

Pierre, a 25-year-old penguin at the California Academy of Sciences, was losing his feathers. Without waterproof feathers penguins cannot survive the cold. An aquatic biologist created a wetsuit for him like the ones humans wear making it possible for him to join his fully-feathered friends.

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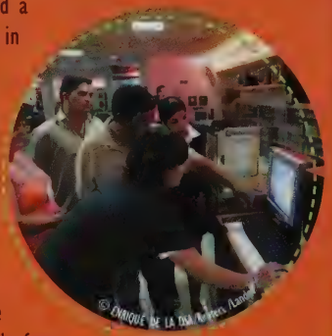
Cuba Gets Wired

Desktop computers, a technology that is considered a necessity in the U.S., became available to Cuba's public market for the first time ever. While few could afford the QTech computers that cost nearly $800, electronic stores throughout Cuba drew crowds of excited onlookers.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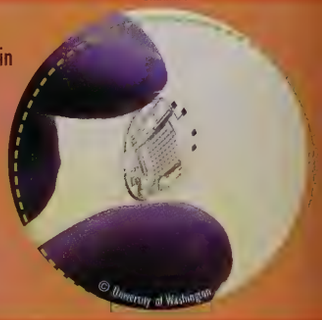
Superhuman Contacts

Soon you may be able to use bionic contacts to zoom in on distant objects, displaying useful facts about what you see. These super-power lenses use tiny light-emitting-diodes (LEDs) powered by solar cells and a radio frequency receiver to display images and information in midair. The invention could prove beneficial to drivers and pilots as well as video gamers by projecting directions and speed within their view, eliminating the need for external screens.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Clean Keys

Seal Shield LLC introduced the world's first fully submersible, dishwasher safe, antimicrobial, glow-in-the-dark keyboard. The Silver Seal Flex™ keyboards have the potential to reduce the risk of getting sick from colds and other communicable diseases.

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Going Digital

U.S. households prepared for television's final transition from analog to digital. To help consumers absorb the cost of a necessary converter box, the government issued $40 vouchers. The Obama administration sought support from Congress to postpone the transition after the Commerce Department reached its funding limit. The request was passed by the Senate as consumers continued to prepare for the digital switch.

Off the Chain

No need to worry about pinching your finger or getting your pants stuck in a bike chain. Wisconsin-based Trek Bicycle introduced two models of chainless bikes that move using the same technology as motorcycles and snowmobiles. These bikes are low maintenance, environmentally friendly and light weight making them ideal for city commuters.

© Trek Bicycle Corporation

No Ordinary Pen

The Pulse™ smartpen developed by Livescribe is the latest "it" gadget that transforms an ordinary pen into a digital tool. The high-tech pen records what you hear or say while writing, plays back your recordings and provides visual cues on a tiny imbedded display screen. The information can then be downloaded to your computer for easy editing.

You Play, i.play

Playgrounds in the U.K. are taking on a new look with the i.play system. This breakthrough combines interactive electronics with conventional playground equipment. The system's intelligent design adjusts according to a child's performance to keep them engaged and moving.

Goodbye Dentist Drill

It won't get you out of your yearly dental checkups, but the dentist drill could soon be gone. Scientists began development on a formula to allow teeth to re-grow the crystals that make up dentin and enamel; materials that make teeth the strongest element in the body.

Sitting on Cloud 9

Forget sandy beaches, the British have a new way to relax: an acrylic lounger that can hover in midair. The gravity-defying chair developed by Hoverit LTD works by repelling magnetic forces producing the sensation of floating on a cloud.

High-Tech Gift Cards

Retailers went high-tech with gift cards to entice consumers. Best Buy created a card with tiny speakers and a headphone jack allowing users to listen to their favorite music, while Target® introduced a 1.2 megapixel camera gift card. Lucky recipients enjoyed two gifts in one.

Design for a Cause

Dell unveiled an exclusive gallery of artistic designs that consumers may purchase to personalize their laptop. With every sale, Dell contributes $20 to The Global Fund, a charity helping AIDS patients in Africa.

Bionic Hand

The world's first bionic hand was created by Touch Bionics. The iLimb's revolutionary motorized fingers have the ability to grasp narrow objects and the power to hold heavier objects like coffee cups, giving users more independence.

The Auto Age

One-hundred years ago the Ford Model T was introduced. In the years to follow, vehicle technology and innovation continued to evolve.

The Model T changed the face of transportation when Henry Ford began using the conveyor belt for production, making cars affordable for the masses. Following in its footsteps came the "family utility" vehicles, the station wagon (1947), mini van (1983) and SUV (1990), accommodating the growing needs of busy families.

Hybrid technology emerged as consumers demanded fuel efficiency. Honda's Insight, the first hybrid marketed in the U.S. led the way for many other top automakers to develop their own line of gas/electric vehicles.

In the Next 100 Years, automakers plan to push automotive technology even farther by promoting eco-chic cars, electrically powered luxury vehicles for drivers who don't want to compromise strong design for environmental friendliness.

Test Your NASA Knowledge

Did you know? NASA celebrated its 50th birthday this year. What started in 1958 as a small laboratory with 80 employees is now an agency with more than 17,000 people in 10 centers around the country.

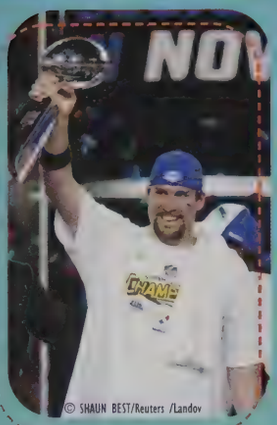
1. **NASA has focused its efforts on a return to the moon, where they intend to _____.**
   a. Someday build a sustainable long-term human presence
   b. Return moon rocks from previous missions
   c. Have a fashion show featuring newly designed space suits

2. **What is the name of the Galaxy in which we live?**
   a. Andromeda b. Milky Way
   c. Galactose d. Alpha Quadrant

3. **Astronauts will soon be able to send and receive emails while in space.**
   True or False

Answers: 1. a 2. b 3. True

The Scoreboard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Steel-ing the Win

The Pittsburgh Steelers won a record-setting sixth Super Bowl title by defeating the Arizona Cardinals. A game-winning touchdown in the final seconds moved the score to 27-23, giving the Steelers a tension packed last-minute win. Steelers' wide receiver Santonio Holmes was named MVP.

Double-Dutch

Double-dutch is now an officially recognized sport in New York City high schools. A year after cricket was inducted as a varsity sport, school administrators have added double-dutch as a way to increase student participation in competitive sports. Cycling, badminton and netball are also being considered.

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Striking Gold at the X Games

Ryan Sheckler, the X Games' youngest street skateboarding gold medalist at age 13 in 2003, struck gold again at the 2008 Games. Female skateboard champ, Elissa Steamer, returned to claim her fourth gold medal.

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Eight is Great

Michael Phelps was the shining star of the 2008 Beijing Olympics, winning eight gold medals, breaking Mark Spitz's record for most gold medals won in a single Olympic Games. Phelps swam 17 times over nine days and broke the world record in four of his five individual swims. His three relay teams also set world records. Phelps' achievements led to Sports Illustrated naming him 2008 Sportsman of the Year plus numerous endorsements.

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Serena's Comeback

A backhand shot signaled tennis star Serena Williams' return to glory. With her 6-4, 7-5 victory over Jelena Jankovic at the US Open, Williams regained the No. 1 world ranking, a title she last held in 2003. The gap between achieving No. 1 world rankings is the longest in history for a woman or a man.

Racing Victories

2008 was a year of surprises in car racing, especially for Danica Patrick and Jimmie Johnson. Patrick was in the spotlight, becoming the first woman ever to win an Indy Car race. Johnson won his third straight NASCAR Sprint title, making him one of two drivers in NASCAR history to win three championships in a row in the marquee series. With his win, Johnson tied Cale Yarborough's 30-year record.

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Celtics Win 17th NBA Title

The Boston Celtics won their first NBA title in 22 years. In Game 6 of the playoffs they won with a 131-92 blowout over the Los Angeles Lakers. The win was also the first for the "Big Three," Paul Pierce, Kevin Garnett and Ray Allen.

Silver Stars Shock-ed

The Detroit Shock swept a three game series over the San Antonio Silver Stars to win their third WNBA title. Katie Smith, Detroit's leading scorer in all three games, was named Finals MVP.

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Immelman Grabs Green

Trevor Immelman overcame Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson with a score of 75 in the final round to win the coveted green jacket at the Masters in Augusta, Georgia. Vijay Singh was the season's overall winner scoring the most points and claiming the FedEx Cup and its $10 million prize.

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Win for Shin

Twenty-year-old Ji-Yai Shin of South Korea became the first non-LPGA member to win three LPGA events with her win at the ADT Championship, marking her 11th worldwide victory in 2008. The event was bittersweet for women's golf legend Annika Sorenstam who failed to make the cut in her last official LPGA tournament before retirement.

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Tiger Tamed

After winning the U.S. Open, golf legend Tiger Woods announced that he had been playing with a leg injury. Despite his injury, Tiger played 91 holes, defeating Rocco Mediate on the 19th hole of the playoff. Woods chose to end his season early to treat his injury. The famous golfer has 65 victories; ranking third of all-time on the PGA Tour with 14 professional majors, making him second only to the record 18 won by Jack Nicklaus.

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Hole-in-One Times Five!

Amateur golfer Curt Hocker of central Illinois hit five hole-in-ones in one week at the El Paso Golf Club. The 22-year-old, who works in the club's pro shop, has recorded seven aces (five on par-4s) and two other double eagles in the past year. Hocker, along with his friends and family who witnessed his strokes of luck, is mystified by the repeat performances.

MLS Cup Glory

For the first time in franchise history, the Columbus Crew became Major League Men's Soccer champions with a 3-1 win over the New York Red Bulls. League MVP Guillermo Barros Schelotto scored a Cup Final-record three assists to help deliver the championship in only his second season.

Kickin'!

The U.S. Women's Soccer National Team captured the Algarve Cup once again, defeating Denmark 2-1 at Municipal Stadium in Portugal. The team went on to win the 2008 Peace Queen Cup with a 1-0 victory over Canada. The victory marked the second time the U.S. has defeated Canada by a 1-0 score to win the Peace Queen Cup.

Wimbledon Winner

The 122nd Wimbledon Championship concluded with a grand finale, when Spain's Rafael Nadal brought down five-time champion Roger Federer in the longest men's final in the history of the All England Club. Nadal's victory took four hours and 48 minutes of actual playing time.

Olympic Moments

In August, 204 countries participated in the Summer Olympic Games in Beijing, China and captured the attention of a global audience.

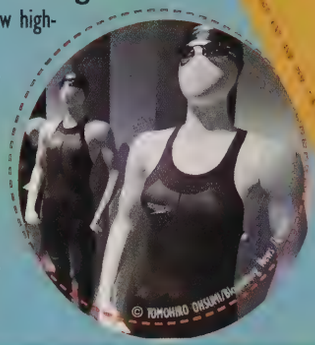
Opening Ceremony - At promptly 8 p.m. on the eighth day of the eighth month of 2008 (eight is considered one of the luckiest numbers in China) millions of people around the world watched the opening ceremony. The extravaganza was a mix of music, artistry and fireworks showcasing China's national pride and 5,000 years of tradition. The $300 million event with a cast of 14,000 raised the bar for future Olympics.

Run for the Roses

Big Brown won the 134th running of the Kentucky Derby in a final kick that gave him a 4 3/4-length victory before a crowd of 157,770, the second-largest in history. With this win Big Brown became the seventh undefeated Kentucky Derby winner in history. The victory celebration was eclipsed by a fatal injury to Eight Belles, the second place winner.

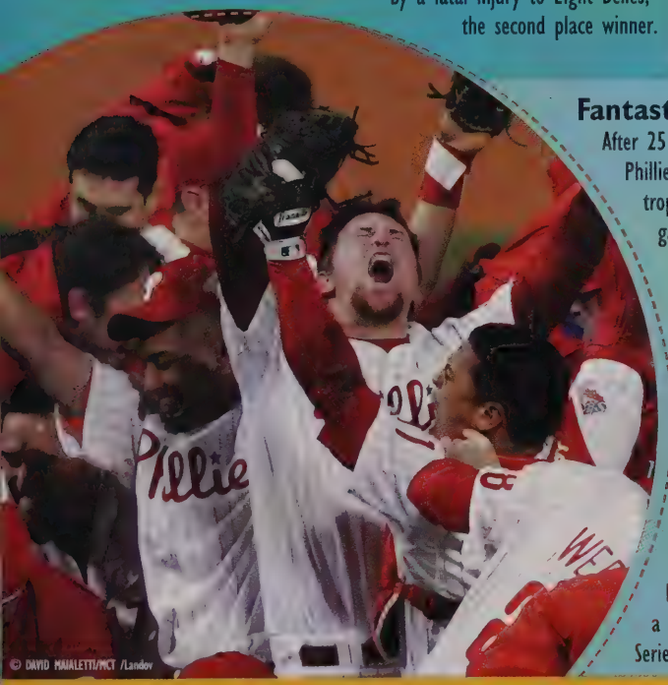
Science of Swimming

Speedo's LZR Racer, a new high-tech one-piece swimsuit, molds a swimmer's body into an aerodynamic shape, potentially giving swimmers more buoyancy in the water. Several swimmers, including Michael Phelps, debuted the suits at the 2008 Summer Olympics.



Fabulous over 40

Dara Torres, 41, surprised everyone when she returned to her fifth Olympic Games with teammates nearly half her age. Torres won the silver medal in the 50 meter freestyle sprint final, swimming a personal best of 24.07 seconds, but missing the gold by just .01 seconds.



Fantastic Phillies

After 25 years, the Philadelphia Phillies' won the World Series trophy. Despite a rain-delayed game, they took down the Tampa Bay Rays 4-3 in Game 5 to win their second World Series title. The team named Cole Hamels MVP. Hamels out pitched Scott Kazmir for a 3-2 win in the opener, then tossed six effective innings before the delay, but never pitched in the final game. Hamels finished 1-0 with a 2.77 ERA in two World Series starts.

Red Wings Capture Cup

After a surprising loss in Game 5, the Detroit Red Wings made a triumphant comeback in Game 6 of the 2008 Stanley Cup Finals, winning 3-2 against the Pittsburgh Penguins. The Stanley Cup win was the fourth for the team in 11 seasons.

Bolt Sprints to Win

Jamaican born Usain Bolt took the track by storm with three record-setting runs which all won him gold medals. Bolt now boasts the title "Fastest Man Alive," running the 100 meter dash in 9.69 seconds.

Test Your Baseball Knowledge

Did you know? The catchy jingle, "Take Me Out to the Ball Game," written by Jack Norworth, is 100 years old.

1. Which Major League Baseball player holds the record for the most homeruns?

a. Alex Rodriguez b. Babe Ruth
c. Barry Bonds d. Hank Aaron

2. What is the most popular food to eat at a baseball game?

a. Pizza b. Hot Dogs
c. Peanuts d. Cracker Jacks®

3. How many Major League Baseball teams are there in the U.S.?

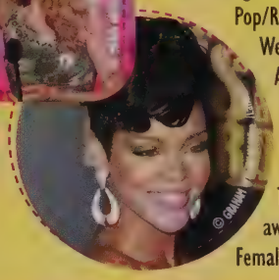
a. 30 b. 75
c. 15 d. 102

Answers: 1. c 2. b 3. a

Chart Toppers

Battle of the Davids

David Cook and David Archuleta were the last contestants standing in the 2008 *American Idol* Finale. Cook won the seventh season of American Idol, receiving 56 percent of the 97.5 million votes cast, beating Archuleta by a margin of 12 million.



AMA Winners

Chris Brown was the big winner at the American Music Awards taking home three awards including Favorite Male Pop/Rock Artist. Kayne West, Rihanna and Alicia Keys also walked away with multiple awards, while newcomer Taylor Swift was awarded Favorite Female Country Artist.

Good as Gold

The uplifting film *Slumdog Millionaire*, presented partly in Hindi, charmed the Golden Globes judges, who awarded it Best Dramatic Picture. The night's other big winners included Kate Winslet for Best Actress in a Drama for *Revolutionary Road* and Best Supporting Actress for her role in *The Reader*. Mickey Rourke made a comeback in *The Wrestler* winning Best Actor. The HBO television series *John Adams* picked up four awards while NBC's *30 Rock* was named Best Comedy with its star and creator Tina Fey picking up Best Actress in a Comedy and her cast mate Alec Baldwin winning Best Actor in a Comedy.

Juanes Sweeps Latin Grammys

The 2008 Latin Grammy Awards was a night to remember for Colombian rocker Juanes, who took home five awards for Record of the Year, Album of the Year, Song of the Year, Best Short Form Video and Best Male Pop Vocal Album. Newcomer Kany Garcia won Best New Artist and Best Female Pop Vocal Album. Marc Anthony also walked away with the Best Salsa Album award.

John Adams Rules

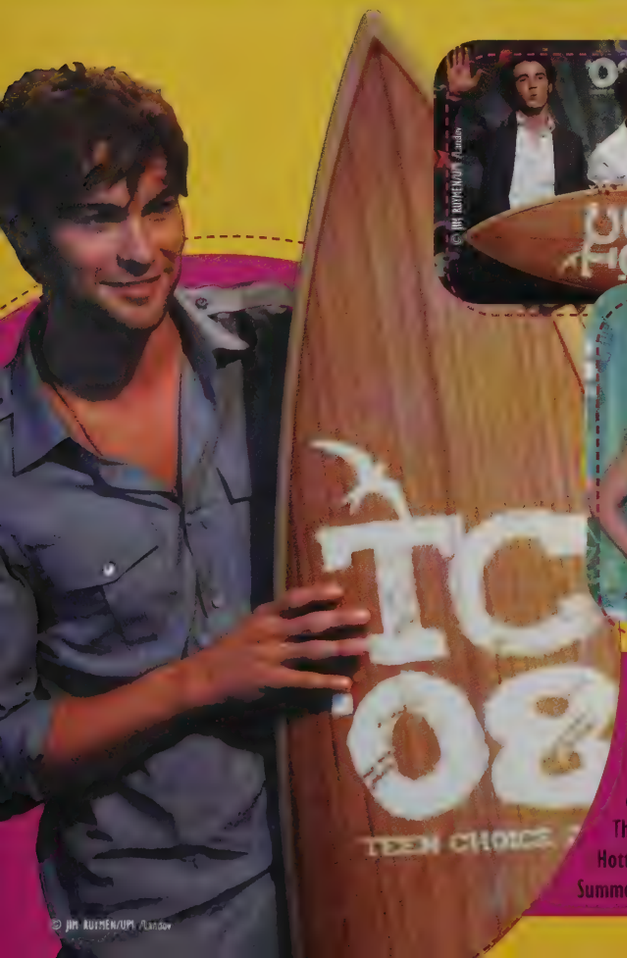
HBO ruled the 60th Primetime Emmy Awards, winning a record 13 Emmys for its hit mini-series *John Adams*. The first Emmy for outstanding host for a reality or reality-competition program was awarded to Jeff Probst of *Survivor*. *The Daily Show with Jon Stewart* prevailed as outstanding comedy series and CBS's *The Amazing Race* was named outstanding reality-competition program—both show's victories marked a record breaking six straight wins.

Mariah Moves Up

Chart-topper Mariah Carey broke Elvis Presley's record for No. 1 hits on the Billboard Hot 100 with her 18th hit single, making her second only to The Beatles. The single that broke The King's record comes from her latest album $E=MC^2$—a follow up to her best-selling Grammy-winning release, *The Emancipation of Mimi*.

Moon Man Madness

The Video Music Awards gave out the famed moon man trophy to the year's top video performers. Chris Brown won Best Male Video for *With You* and Lil Wayne won Best Hip-Hop Video for *Lollipop*. Britney Spears took home three awards for her *Piece of Me* video winning Video of the Year, Best Female Video and Best Pop Video.



Black Entertainment Television Awards

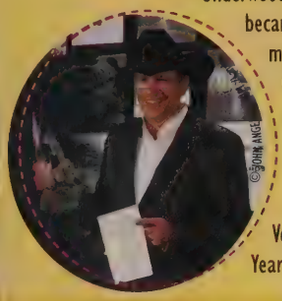
The 2008 BET Awards was a night of wins for all-star entertainers like Missy Elliott, who won Best Female Hip-Hop Artist and Kanye West, who took home Best Male Hip-Hop Artist. UGK and Outkast won Video of the Year for *International Player's Anthem (I Choose You)*. Heartthrob Chris Brown snagged the Best Male R&B Artist award and Alicia Keys won Best Female R&B Artist.

Surfboard Goes to...

Gossip Girl has six more reasons (in the form of surfboard trophies) to rule the school. The Teen Choice Awards were selected based on over 30 million votes cast online by teenagers who hailed the prep-school drama as their top choice. Chace Crawford and Blake Lively each took home a Breakout Actor Award. The Jonas Brothers also took home six awards: Choice Breakout Band, Choice Male Hotties and Choice Male Red Carpet Icons, Choice Music: Single, Choice Music: Summer Song and Choice Music: Love Song.

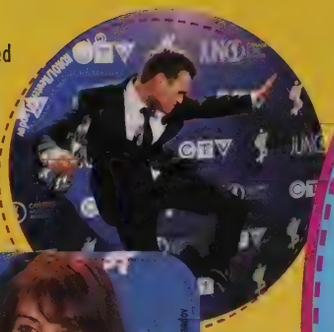
Gone Country

George Strait took home four trophies from the 42nd annual Country Music Awards. To date he has received 22 awards, an industry record. Kenny Chesney picked up his fourth Entertainer of the Year Award, and Brad Paisley won his second Male Vocalist and fourth Music Video of the Year Award for *Waitin' on a Woman*. The night wasn't all about the guys. Carrie Underwood, who also became the newest member of the Grand Ole Opry, snagged her third consecutive Female Vocalist of the Year Award.



Five for Feist

Singer/songwriter Feist was nominated for five Juno Awards and took home all of them, beating out Avril Lavigne and Celine Dion. Feist's awards included Artist of the Year, Album of the Year and Pop Album of the Year for *The Reminder* and Songwriter of the Year for *My Moon My Man*, *1234* and *I Feel it All*. Michael Bublé won the Fan Choice Award and Serena Ryder won New Artist of the Year.

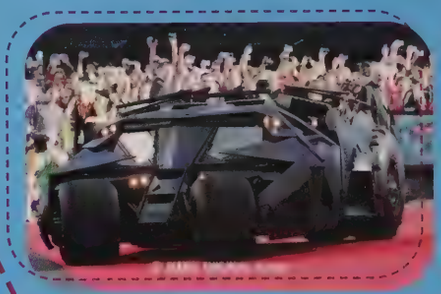


Top 5 of 2008

Movies

1. *The Dark Knight* $530,722,000
2. *Iron Man* $318,313,199
3. *Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull* $317,023,851
4. *Hancock* $227,946,274
5. *WALL-E* $223,719,052

(According to Box Office Mojo)



Mega Musicians

According to the *Rolling Stone* list of *100 Greatest Singers of All Time*, Aretha Franklin, the queen of soul, was named No. 1. Ray Charles, Elvis Presley, Sam Cooke and John Lennon rounded out the top five.

Academy Awards®

Slumdog Millionaire emerged the big winner of the 81st Academy Awards, picking up eight Oscars including Best Motion Picture, Best Director and Best Adapted Screenplay. Sean Penn upset sentimental favorite Mickey Rourke in the Lead Actor category, while Kate Winslet won for Lead Actress. The late Heath Ledger won for Best Supporting Actor and Penelope Cruz became the first Spanish actress to win Best Supporting Actress.

Songs

1. *Low*
   Flo Rida Featuring T-Pain
2. *Bleeding Love*
   Leona Lewis
3. *No One*
   Alicia Keys
4. *Lollipop*
   Lil Wayne featuring Static Major
5. *Apologize*
   Timbaland featuring OneRepublic

(According to Billboard Hot 100)

People Award Dark Knight

The Dark Knight emerged as the people's favorite in the movie category, winning five People's Choice Awards including Favorite Action Movie and Favorite Superhero. Other winners included *27 Dresses* for Favorite Comedy, *Heroes* for Favorite Sci-fi/Fantasy Television Show and *The Simpsons* for Favorite Animated Comedy. Tina Fey won Favorite Funny Female Star and Ellen DeGeneres won Favorite Talk Show Host. In vocals, Jordin Sparks, Carrie Underwood and Chris Brown all took home awards.

Music's Biggest Night

Robert Plant and Alison Krauss were the big winners at the 51st Annual Grammy Awards. Plant and Krauss received five Grammys, including the night's biggest award, Album of the Year for *Raising Sand* plus Record of the Year, Best Pop Collaboration, Best Country Collaboration with Vocals and Best Contemporary Folk/American Album. The other top winners were British band Coldplay who grabbed three awards and Lil Wayne who received four awards.

Test Your Music Knowledge

1. **At 14 years old, this person was the youngest to ever win a Grammy.**
2. **With the release of his/her 3rd album, this singer/actor breaks the record for youngest person ever to have three No. 1 albums in two years.**
3. **At the age of 13, this singing sensation became the youngest person to hit No. 1 on the Billboard music charts.**

Answers: 1. LeeAnn Rimes 2. Miley Cyrus 3. Stevie Wonder

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(According to Google Zeitgeist)

The Scoop

Sole Survivor

Thanks to decades of fans who have adopted Converse shoes as part of their rock-star wardrobe the company celebrated its 100-year anniversary. Converse reinvented classic designs in its Century footwear collection to honor its achievement.

Text Mania

Figures show that traditional landlines are becoming a thing of the past. The cell phone is increasingly important, especially for tweens and teens whose personal style is expressed with cell phone accessories and whose communication revolves around email and text messaging. According to Neilson ratings, the average teenager texts 1,742 times per month—that's an average of 58 times per day!

Tough Guys Rule

"Tough Guy TV"—reality shows chronicling the lives of men in life-threatening professions, from king crab fishermen to ice road truckers to adventurers relying on survival skills in the wilderness, is dominating the airwaves. This new genre has audiences riveted with its realism, documentary-style format and unpredictable action. The Discovery Channel's shows *Deadliest Catch* and *Man vs. Wild* are among cable TV's highest-rated unscripted series.

100 Years of FBI

Established in 1908 by the Attorney General, the Federal Bureau of Investigation started with only 34 special agents. Today, the FBI, headquartered in Washington D.C., employs over 30,000 people including more than 1,200 special agents and over 18,000 professional support staff in offices around the world.

Box Office Gold

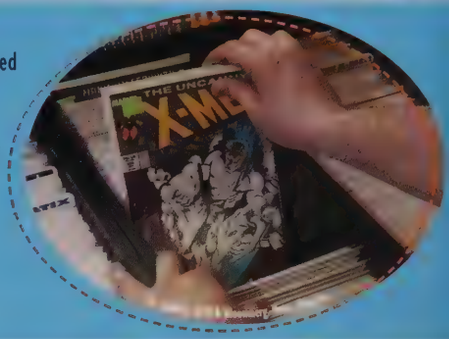
Disney's *High School Musical 3: Senior Year* banked $42 million in its opening weekend. The big screen sequel to the Disney Channel TV movies, starring Zac Efron and Vanessa Hudgens, beat the previous record for best opening weekend of $27.8 million set by *Mamma Mia*.

Long Overdue

A library book checked out from a Tulsa, Oklahoma high school in 1947 was returned 61 years later. The book, *New World Analysis: Or, School Etymology of English Derivative Words* was discovered by the woman who had originally checked it out when she was cleaning her home. She sent the book back to the library with a note and a check for $250 to cover any late charges.

Superhero Fans Rejoice

Forty-five years after it was created by Stan Lee and Jack Kirby, X-Men fans celebrated the 500th issue of the popular comic book. The anniversary was marked with a surprise move: the outcast heroes left their Westchester, New York mansion for San Francisco.

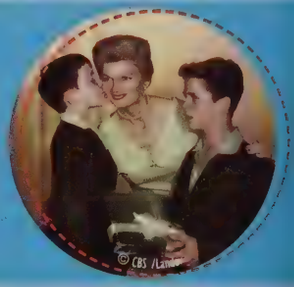


Dark Knight Shines Bright

The Batman sequel *The Dark Knight* earned $314 million in just 10 days, making it the fastest film to earn $300 million. The previous record was held by *Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest*, which reached $300 million in 16 days.

Thank You Mom

Mother's Day turned 100 in 2008. The U.S. Census Bureau estimates that there are 83 million mothers who celebrate Mother's Day. The National Retail Federation estimates that Americans spend $15 billion a year honoring their mothers; however, the holiday is celebrated in 52 countries around the world.



Fabulous Fashion Finale

After a season filled with drama and over-the-top fashion, soft-spoken Portland, Oregon designer Leanne Marshall was named the winner of Bravo's hit reality show *Project Runway* hosted by supermodel Heidi Klum. Marshall beat out contestants Korto Momolu and Kenley Collins to win the $100,000 grand prize to start her own line and the opportunity to sell her collection on Bluefly.com. The series finale was the first time in the history of the show to feature an all-female lineup.

Tina Fey Impersonates Sarah Palin

Actor and comedian Tina Fey returned to *Saturday Night Live* to portray Republican vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin. In the skit, Fey debated Amy Poehler, who played Senator Hillary Clinton. Fey's depiction of the Alaska governor generated so much attention that the real Sarah Palin appeared twice on the show.

Facebook safeguards

Social networking site Facebook added more than 40 safeguards to protect its users from cyber bullies and online predators. Precautions included banning sex offenders and limiting adult-user access to profiles of users under 18 years old.

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Lights Out for TRL

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MTV's famed countdown show, *Total Request Live (TRL)*, aired its final episode in New York City. The show debuted in 1998 and boosted the careers of superstars like Justin Timberlake, Christina Aguilera and Destiny's Child. Beyoncé gave a show-stopping performance during the show's finale.

Vacation Idol

The new *American Idol* attraction at Disney's Hollywood Studios in Lake Buena Vista, Florida is similar to the Fox singing competition—allowing theme park guests to show off their singing skills by auditioning and performing before a live studio audience.

Feathers Fly!

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The first World Pillow Fight Day brought thousands of people together turning 35 cities into playgrounds. The event's intent was to promote creative uses of public spaces and the power of a shared common goal. Plus, it was a lot of fun!

A Toy for the Imagination

Despite all the fancy high-tech toys available, nature's own stick was inducted into the National Toy Hall of Fame this year. Toy experts selected the stick because of its versatility, natural ingredients, appeal to the imagination and it's free. More traditional inductees this year included the baby doll and skateboard.

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Say Papaya

As if ice cream wasn't good enough, scientists are working on a way to make your favorite flavor extra velvety smooth. Using gelatin and papaya protein, a University of Wisconsin researcher developed an "edible antifreeze" that prevents ice crystals from forming in ice cream, so that it stays creamy and smooth with every bite.

Get Smart ... Feed the Hungry

Sixth-graders in Indiana have no shortage of motivation to learn new words. When students play a vocabulary game at FreeRice.com, 20 grains of rice are donated to the World Food Programme for each correct answer. Eight thousand miles away, students at Palwong Elementary in northern Uganda receive a nutritious lunch. The game has generated 28 billion grains of rice ... that's enough food to feed more than 1 million people for one day.

Trend Watch

This year's fashions reflected the style of the 80s. From the runway to the real world, here's a look at some of the popular trends.

Patent Leather handbags, shoes and belts added shine to outfits from coast to coast.

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Skinny Jeans were paired with a variety of footwear. Girls wore them with knee-high boots, flats or platform sandals while guys wore them with tennis shoes or motorcycle boots.

Eco-wear Collections from designers and clothing manufacturers such as Levi's introduced products made from organic cotton and other earth-friendly materials.

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Metallics added glamour to accessories, shoes, jeans and dresses.

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Technicolor Fashion had clothes covered—from dresses, tops and leggings to jewelry, shoes and other accessories.

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Test Your Gaming Knowledge

1. **What was the top selling game of 2008?**
   a. Super Smash Bros. b. Wii Play with Wii Remote
   c. Grand Theft Auto IV d. Madden NFL 09

2. **How many characters participate in each Mario Kart race?**
   a. 9 b. 16
   c. 2 d. 12

3. **Guitar Hero makes several references to what movie?**
   a. *This is Spinal Tap* b. *Edward Scissorhands*
   c. *The Goonies* d. *Beetlejuice*

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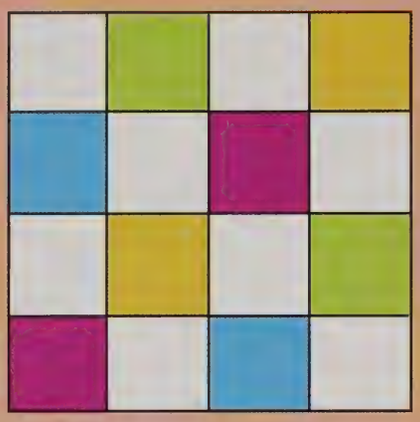
Answers: 1. b 2. d 3. a

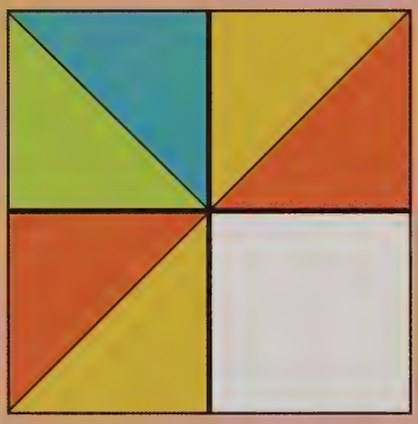
Fun & Games

BRAIN TEASERS

1. How many squares can you count?
   a. 16
   b. 20
   c. 31
   d. 36



2. Which image belongs in the empty square?
   a. b. c. d.



3. Which image fills the space?
   a. b. c. d.

COMMONYMS

What does each group of words have in common?

Example:
Olympics • Leap Year • Presidential Elections They happen every 4 years

1. Index • Pinky • Ring _____
2. Door • Painting • Eyeglasses _____
3. Picnic • Pool • Coffee _____
4. Ball • Salad • Coin _____
5. Dog • Cat • Gold _____

WORD SCRAMBLE

Unscramble the words below. The answers can be found throughout Zoom. Use the highlighted letters from each word to answer the final scramble below.

1. MAAKHOOL
Home to a driving dog

2. IOBGMOO
An item to lighten your carbon footprint

3. JIGBIEN
A golden city for Michael Phelps

4. AACDNI RCKAIPT
First female to win in her profession

5. OERHSMT
A day held in their honor turned 100

He was voted TIME's 2008 Person of the Year

ANSWERS:
Brain Teasers: 1. c 2. b 3. d
Commonyms: 1. They are fingers 2. All have frames 3. They are tables 4. They can be tossed 5. They are fish
Word Scramble 1. Oklahoma 2. BioMoGo 3. Beijing 4. Danica Patrick 5. Mothers
Final: Barack Obama

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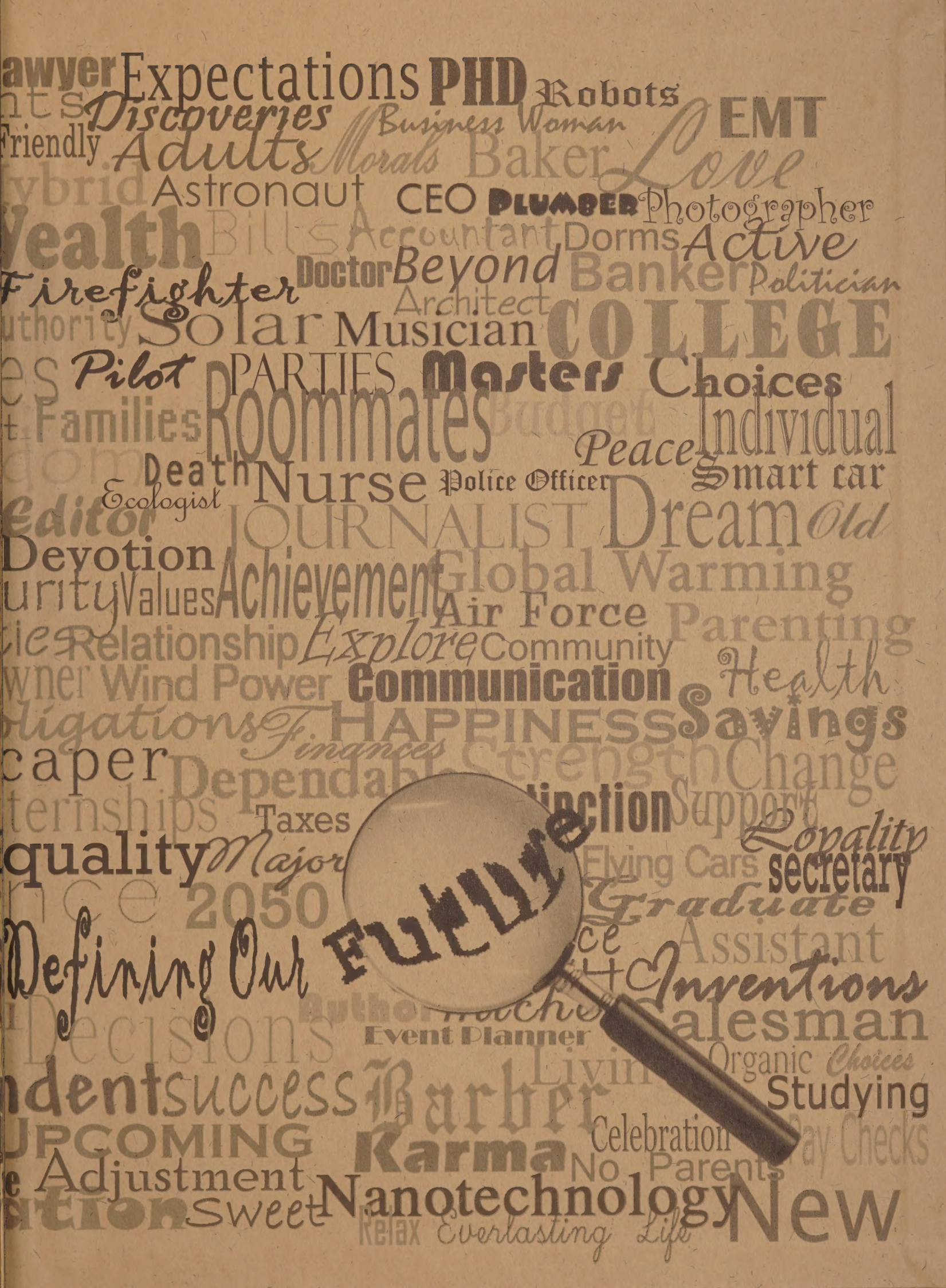
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atus for supplying air or oxygen through a fa
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nt, as many orchids; air plant; epiphyte.
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